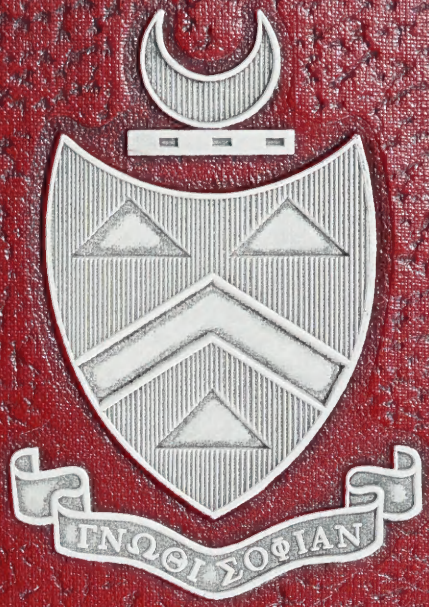

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For all

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a part of her

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FOREWORD

by Rt. Hon. Pierre E. Trudeau

PRIME MINISTER PREMIER MINISTRE

I welcome this opportunity to extend greetings to young Canadians and Americans who belong to the Gamma Sigma Fraternity.

Brotherhood is a concept with which you are all familiar as it is one of the founding principles of your fraternity. It can survive and flourish despite the dissimilarity of the places we live in, and the diversity of the ways we live. That is the lesson of our two countries, as it is of your organization.

Best wishes to all of you for a memorable celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Gamma Sigma.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau

Ottawa,
1969.

Foreword

by President Richard M. Nixon

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 17, 1969

It is a pleasure to send greetings to Gamma Sigma Fraternity on the occasion of your one hundredth anniversary.

Your centennial celebration is a fitting occasion to review with justifiable pride your past accomplishments. It is also a time to look to the future, and to reaffirm the principles that give meaning to your membership in Gamma Sigma -- and that have contributed so much to our nation over these many decades.

Serving as a forum for inquiry into issues of importance to young people, your organization has helped develop the minds and broaden the judgments of many generations of high school students. From this training has come the tolerance and understanding that are so essential to true human brotherhood, and the inspiration to constructively contribute toward a better future for all mankind.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful celebration and another rewarding century of valuable national service.

Richard Nixon

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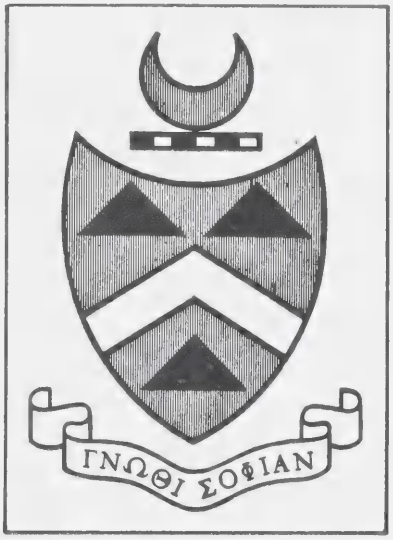
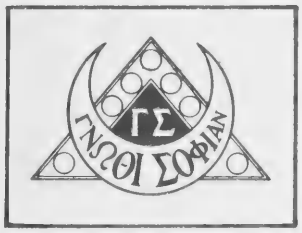


PART ONE

PRELUDE TO 1869



CHAPTER ONE

Origins of Fraternity

Fraternities have existed throughout the world's recorded history. They are a natural outgrowth from the fact that man is a gregarious animal; he cannot live unto himself alone and must, therefore, seek and form social groups.

The first such social group is, of course, the Family. However, very early in man's history, as he passed from the State of Nature, and civilization began to develop, there emerged the concept of a social group outside of the Family, yet similar to it in the loyalties it demanded, the strength and the protection it afforded its members, and the philosophy and the wisdom which it taught. There emerged, in short, the friendly society, the Fraternity.

Such societies arose very early in man's history and are common to every race and religion; to every people, cultured or primitive.

Sociologists have found evidence of secret fraternal societies amongst primitive man as represented by the tribes of the North American Indians, the Aborigines of South America, the Bushmen of Australia, and the Negroes of Africa.

The earliest fraternity about which historians have unearthed any great amount of specific knowledge was a society which began in Ancient Egypt and was built around the mysteries of Isis and Osiris. This order spread from Egypt to Greece and, adapted to local mythology, became known as the Eleusian Mysteries. It first appears in Ancient Greek history about 1439 B.C.

Other ancient fraternities were the societies of the Druids of Britain, of Brahma in India, and of Mithras in Persia. All of these ancient societies had a common religious or philosophical base — all teaching the immortality of the human soul — and all had a common goal, the search for Wisdom.

Of the Eleusian Mysteries, Cicero is recorded to have declared that it was the greatest of all the benefits conferred by Athens; its effect having been "to civilize men, soften their savage and ferocious nature, and teach them the true principles of morals".

In Europe during the Middle Ages there flourished many guilds which functioned more or less as Fraternities. There were also the Alchemists with their perpetual quest for the Elixir of Life, the Mysterious Order of the Rose Cross or Rosicrucians, the Hospitallers of St. John, and, most importantly, the Knights of Templar.

Although its members allege that their Order dates from the building of King Solomon's Temple, Free Masonry did not reach its position as the foremost Fraternity until the beginning of the 17th Century. Since that time the Masons have held a position of preeminence in the Fraternal world and their rituals have served as a model which have been copied, more or less faithfully, by many organizations since.

The first college fraternity was Phi Beta Kappa which was founded at the College of William and Mary in Virginia on December 5th, 1776. Its name comes from the first letters of the Greek motto "Philosophia Bio Kubernetes" which, loosely translated, means "Philosophy the Guide of Life". Phi Beta Kappa was originally a secret Greek letter fraternity but has since become an honour society open to all college students of superior academic achievements.

The growth of Greek-letter fraternities in college life has been phenomenal and today there are at least seventy recognized men's general intercollegiate fraternities and thirty-seven women's general intercollegiate sororities, together having a total membership of well over two and one-half million.

The Greek-letter society in secondary schools is truly an American institution and seems to date back to the founding of one Omega Eta Tau Fraternity in Council Bluffs, Iowa, during the year 1859. The parent chapter of this organization, however, was totally inactive by 1861.

It is the Gamma Sigma Society, founded in Brockport, New York, on October 11th, 1869, that is recognized by historians as the oldest secondary school fraternity in existence today. Following after, in rapid succession, came Alpha Zeta, Alpha Phi, Sigma Psi, Alpha Chi Sigma, Pi Phi, Gamma Delta Psi, Gamma Eta Kappa, and many others.

It was also Gamma Sigma that became the first international fraternity with the chartering of Alpha Zeta Chapter in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada on December 11th, 1927.

Just as the college fraternities, the secondary school Greek-letter organizations have also expanded enormously and today there are some forty recognized such fraternities throughout Canada and the United States.

CHAPTER TWO

The Village of Brockport

Even before the first clearing had been established in the area of Brockport, men of vision in the East were promoting plans for a water route, a canal, from Atlantic harbours to the Great Lakes in the "far west". The proposal was formerly introduced in the New York State Legislature in 1808 and immediately became a political issue. The War of 1812 postponed action, and it was not until DeWitt Clinton, an ardent canal advocate, became Governor that enabling acts were approved.

Actual work began in 1818 and the project was completed in seven years. It was considered the greatest engineering feat of its day, although during its construction it was lampooned as "Clinton's Ditch". The original canal was only four feet deep and forty-five feet wide but it was dug with simple hand tools with the aid of wheelbarrows, horses, and wagons. It crossed the entire state from Albany to Buffalo, utilizing such natural waterways as the Mohawk River and Oneida Lake, but otherwise cutting around ridges, over streams, and through dense wilderness.

As the initial survey progressed, excitement prevailed in the area of Brockport as in others. People speculated that the canal would have an important impact and were eager to take advantages of benefits it would bring.

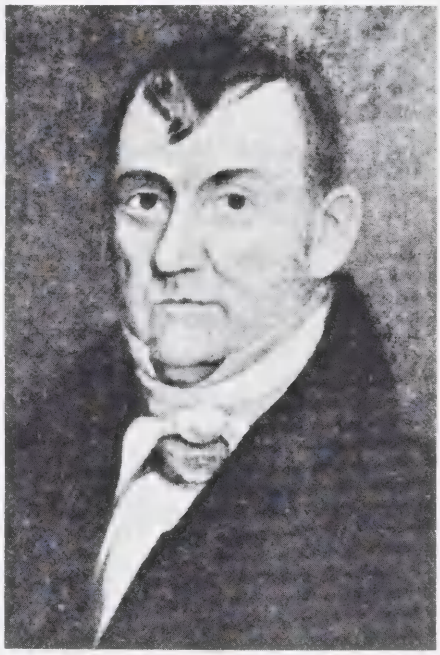
In 1825 the Grand Canal was formerly opened. The procession of boats led by the flagship, *Seneca Ship*, with Governor Clinton aboard, covered the 362 miles amid wild acclaim. Cannons were spaced along the entire route to relay the signal from Buffalo that the procession had started. Each cannon, in turn, relayed the signal and the news reached New York City in 81 minutes.

Early Painting of the Erie Canal

It was on the morning of October 27th, 1825 that the inhabitants around Brockport watched the *Seneca Chief*, drawn by four grey horses, and followed by the *Superior*, the *Perry*, and the *Buffalo*, as the Governor cruised along the longest man-made waterway in the world.

The completion of the Erie Canal as far west as Brockport was due, in a large part, to the constant hard work of James Seymour and Heil Brockway who had talked with many people responsible for the canal across the State of New York. Both of these men lived in Clarkson, just a mile from what is now the Village of Brockport. With the coming of the canal, both men saw that from its banks a town would flourish. They founded the village and helped nourish its growth by encouraging industry and residential growth. Seymour was later the first sheriff of Monroe County and Brockway, owning a brick tavern in Clarkson, owned much of the land that is now within the village limits.

Because Brockway had established a thriving "boat and brick yard" and operated a turn-basin along the west docks, it was natural that the designation of "Brockway's Port" came into popular usage. This was typical of other communities along the canal route. Soon the name was shortened to "Brockport".



HIEL BROCKWAY
1775 - 1842

As the community grew, problems developed beyond the sphere of town officials and there was a need for a village organization. However, it was not until April 6th, 1829, that the village charter was granted by the State Legislature. This charter was amended in 1852 to provide an elected board of five trustees. The present village charter was adopted on June 25th, 1872.

Shortly after the completion of the Erie Canal, the first two hotels were built in the village. Following in their wake were mercantile and grocery stores and taverns. The first doctor came to the village in 1823 as did the first lawyer. The first bank was opened in 1830 and the beginnings of the excellent fire companies started in 1832.

Boat building, sleigh and carriage manufacture, piano case, wheel, cooling board, and shoe manufacturing were among the first industries. The Seymour, Morgan, and Johnston Harvester Companies became world famous for their manufacture of farming implements and were the first reaper manufacturers in the world. By the middle of the 19th century, the Village of Brockport was a thriving manufacturing and trading centre located on the canal banks.

The press has always been a respected vehicle for dissemination of information in the Village of Brockport. *The Brockport Free Press* began publishing in 1827 and continued until 1856. Seven different papers with the same number of editors operated in the next decade. *The Brockport Republic* had five different editors until 1925 when it consolidated with *The Brockport Democrat* that had been published since 1870. The *Republic-Democrat* has been published ever since.

Classified as a first-class village by the State of New York, Brockport is governed by a village board headed by a mayor. This form of government has been in operation since 1872. The population has continued to grow through the years having enjoyed an increase of over thirty per cent since 1940. It currenty has a population of well over 5500, according to a special 1960 census.

Both the Village of Brockport and the Town of Sweden in which it is located have planning boards supervising the systematic and orderly growth of residential and business districts of the area. Since the end of World War II, over 250 new homes have been built in the village.

Brockport has been a leader in many things. In 1888, it installed the first electric light system for a village in the State of New York having been predated only by six major cities in the entire state. The village fathers had much foresight having begun to get water from Lake Ontario in 1913 and updating the system in 1956 to handle all possible future expansion for many years.

CHAPTER THREE

Brockport Normal School

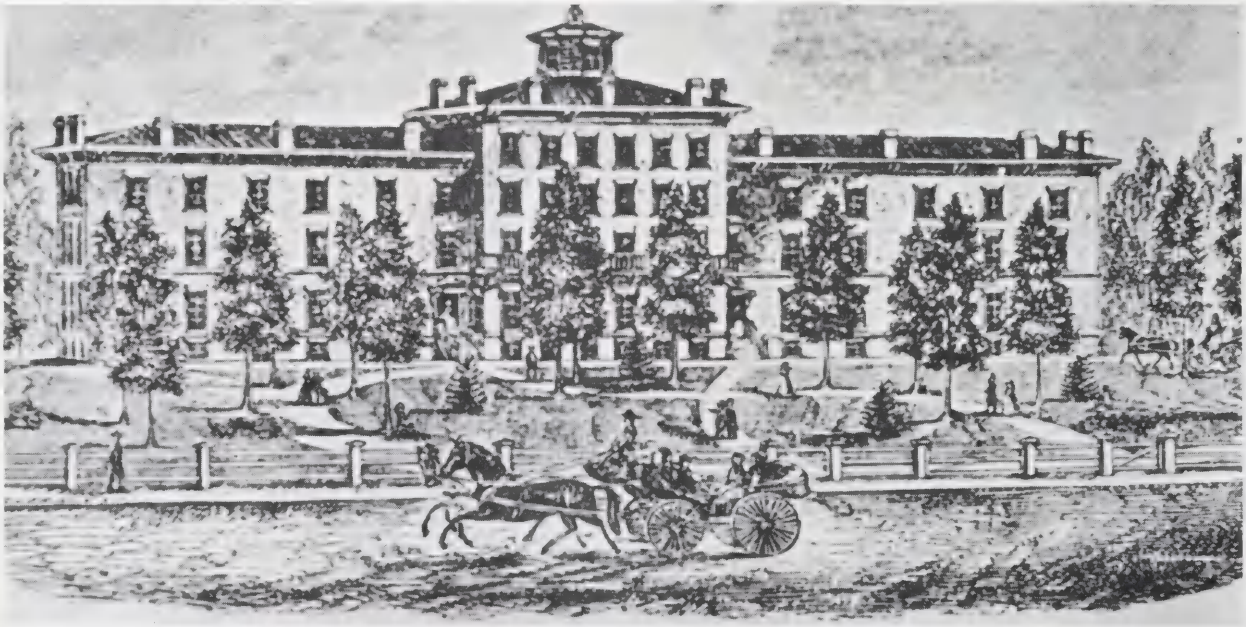
By the early 1830's, the increasing social and economic opportunity awakened many Americans to the desirability of education beyond the level of mere literacy. Academies appeared all over the settled areas; each representing the hopes and dreams of its community, reflecting belief in future growth and accomplishment.

Brockport hoped to become the seat of a college which the Baptists of western New York planned to establish. A brisk competition sprang up between LeRoy, Warsaw, and Brockport for this establishment. Early in 1833 Brockport won, thanks to the gift of six acres of land near the centre of the village and of $3,000. from Hiel Brockway, for whom the village had been named. In 1834, a building was begun and two years later a Collegiate School was opened, Professor Morse presiding. A heavy debt and the Panic of 1837 caused this enterprise to collapse in a series of bankruptcy sales. The building, still not completed, became the haunt of "bats and owls".

In 1841, citizens of the township met to raise $3800. to purchase the building from the latest foreclosers and offered to turn it over once more to the Baptists as a Collegiate Institute. To raise this sum, shares were sold at $25. each, and in 1842 the Regents chartered the Brockport Collegiate Institute. Julius Bates, formerly of Gaines Academy, was hired as Principal at a salary of $800. and his faculty numbered ten. For twelve years the Institute prospered and its fame spread, but in April of 1854 the building was destroyed by fire and the school was forced to suspend operations.

Phoenix-like, the Institute sprang from its ashes by December, 1855. It now carried a heavy debt of $10,000. held by another Baptist institution, the University of Rochester, and upon which burdensome payments had to be made. The new Principal, David Burbank, loaned it $2000. on condition that he might hold his position for ten years, surely a remarkable method both of finance and tenure. President Anderson of the University dedicated the reconstructed Institute in December, 1856. Once more its success was educational rather than financial. The onset of the Civil War dried up its source of students and even its interest payments became too great a burden. Several changes of command left Professor Malcolm MacVicar in charge. Hopeless as a private venture, the institution was saved by the State's entry into the teacher training field after 1865.

THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
1855 - 1866



BROCKPORT STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
1867 - 1888

In March of 1867, the State agreed to establish a Normal School in Brockport provided the buildings and grounds of the former Collegiate Institute were given to the State. Let no one imagine that a considerable amount of lobbying at Albany was not required to produce such a result. This time, $50,000. was raised in the community to buy and expand the building and the stipulation was made that the Normal was to maintain an "academic" department which would provide the equivalent of a high school. On April 17th, 1867, the Brockport State Normal School was opened with Malcolm MacVicar as Principal. Teacher training, which had been carried on for a few ever since 1842, now became the chief activity.

The Normal School provided the community with an excellent opportunity for improving the lives of its young people. For many it was only the first step in higher education and they went on to earn the various degrees which indicate one's academic preparedness for a career. At the very least, the graduates were able to teach in elementary schools and so perform a useful, if not always a lucrative, service.

At first the Normal building housed most of the students but soon they began to room in homes throughout Brockport. The term "basket-boarder" was used to describe the manner in which some managed the food problem. It seems that country boys and girls returned from home at the start of each week equipped with a large basket stocked with enough foodstuffs to last the student until he returned home on the following Friday evening. The going may have gotten a bit tough by Thursday, but evidence indicates that they survived. The railroad enabled students from a considerable distance to come to school at Brockport and when the trolley line was built early in the twentieth century, commuting to school became possible. Under Principals McLean, Smith, MacFarlane, and Thompson, the Normal achieved a pleasant balance with the community. The buildings were expanded and all students in the township who were beyond the elementary school attended the academic department. Greek letter societies flourished among the Normal students, each with its own room in the building.

BROCKPORT STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
1889 - 1900

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1891
Principal Charles McLean is in upper right corner
(Editor's Note—Society Pins are much in evidence)

The old order began to change when the Brockport Central School was organized in the early 1930's. Under the presidency of Dr. Ernest Hartwell, the State replaced the old buildings with the present State Teachers' College. In 1949 the College became a unit of the new State University of New York. Its enrollment expanded rapidly after 1945 and its students were drawn from the entire State. At present, while teacher training remains its chief mission, it has also become a Liberal Arts College. Its campus has expanded tremendously and its future as an important part of the State University system is assured.

PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL BEFORE
IT WAS RAZED IN THE LATE 1930's

NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE
AS ESTABLISHED IN BROCKPORT

CHAPTER FOUR

Charles Donald McLean

Almost lost in the shadow of a beautiful country cemetery, you may find a modest gravestone which bears the name of Charles D. McLean. Here, in his final resting place, lie the remains of the man who conceived and founded our Brotherhood a century ago. From the side of his quiet grave, one may see the spires of the institution that he served so well during his lifetime. His body has returned to dust, his soul has ascended to Heaven, but his spirit lives on forever in the hearts of his fellowmen.

Brother McLean was born of Scotch parentage in County Antrin, Ireland, on November 7th, 1843. His father died a few years later and the widowed mother brought her young son to America, where they settled in Western New York State about 1840.

The boy received his first education in the public school and academy at Clarkson, Monroe County. Later, in 1850, he graduated from the old Brockport Collegiate Institute. He took his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rochester, and studied law in the office of Judge Henry R. Seldon. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Albany Law School and was admitted to the Bar immediately afterwards. For a time he was associated with John B. Parsons, the famous corporation lawyer of New York. A brilliant career lay open to him before the Bar.

The practice of law, however, had little attraction for him and, acting upon the invitation of Dr. McVicar, then Principal of the Brockport State Normal School, he accepted a position on the faculty of that institution in March, 1865, and two years later, became the Vice-Principal. In 1869, he succeeded Dr. McVicar as Principal, a position he filled with credit and distinction until his resignation in 1898, nearly thirty years later.

He was himself a great teacher, a profound thinker, and a versatile scholar. His particular courses were mathematics and pedagogy and his instruction was the marvel of all who came in contact with it. His discipline was rigid wherever he went; in classrooms, in corridors, or in lecture-halls, the dropping of a pin could almost be heard. He was admired by his faculty and greatly respected by his students. Even Napoleon could not have commanded more respect than was received by this short figure.

Outside of the classroom, he was the hero of all aspiring athletes. He was the regular pitcher on the baseball diamond, a good boxer, and a wrestler of high repute. His physical powers were more remarkable because of his short stature and light build. These disadvantages, however, were more than recompensed in muscle and nerve, a strong constitution, and a love for clean sport. He often explained that the secret lay "in a good nerve and the way to go at a thing".

Although his means were never great, Professor McLean was always eager to lend financial aid to an earnest student who could not otherwise afford to continue his schooling. His generosity and benevolence are gratefully remembered by many successful men whom he started on the road to an education.

Brother McLean's closest friend was Samuel Johnston, inventor of the binder, which has revolutionized modern grain production. Mr. Johnston often turned to his friend for counsel and advice and for intricate scientific calculations. The credit for the device known as the "knottier" belongs to his masterful mind.

CHARLES DONALD McLEAN

1834-1905

Mrs. Charles McLean with sons Donald (left) and Waldo.

Professor McLean was twice married and had two sons. The older, Donald, inherited his father's genius for mathematics and taught on the faculty of Erasmus Hall, the famous High School in Brooklyn, New York. The younger, Waldo, had a prosperous and successful advertising business in the Bronx, New York.

On the twenty-third of September, 1905, our founder and benefactor died in New York City. The flag at the Brockport Normal School floated at halfmast on September 25th and 26th out of respect to the late Professor McLean. The funeral services, held in the Normal Hall of the school on September 26th, at which Rev. Mr. Armstrong of the Presbyterian Church officiated, were largely attended by students, townspeople, and alumni of Brockport Normal. The Gamma Sigma Fraternity was present in a body and acted as an escort to Lakeview Cemetery where Professor McLean was buried on a high ridge overlooking the scenes of his lifetime. For several weeks after his death, the members of Gamma Sigma wore their pins draped as a symbol of the great loss that they had sustained.

With the passing of years, the loss of Professor McLean has been keenly felt by the members of Gamma Sigma. He has ever grown in the love, the admiration, and the esteem of all those who wear the emblem of the order which he founded.

The McLean home which still stands on the campus of the State University at Brockport, New York.

A TRIBUTE

The following tribute appeared in the October 1905 edition of the 'Normalia', the book published monthly by the students of the Brockport Normal School:

"The death of Charles D. McLean, Principal of the Brockport Normal School for thirty years, from 1868 to 1898, was an event of far more than ordinary importance in the history of the school. Of unusual ability as a teacher, he made a strong and lasting impression upon his students, especially in his chosen field of mathematics. Many can be found today to testify to his keen intellect, logical reasoning, and clear presentation of his subject, as well as his inspiring presence.

In the stormy times attending the founding of the school in 1867, he gave invaluable support to Principal MacVicar, who trusted and depended upon him. Succeeding to the principalship himself upon the retirement of Mr. MacVicar in 1868, he at once impressed his personality strongly upon the school and became a prominent factor in the educational system of the State.

It falls to the lot of a few men to be pioneers, for such he must be regarded, since this was the first Normal School in Western New York; and few pioneers stand in such a position as he occupied for thirty years. The results of his work will abide while the educational system of New York remains."

CHARLES DONALD McLEAN ... THE TEACHER

The following is the text of an address given by Rev. William B. Holt at the unveiling of the portrait of Professor McLean which now hangs in the State University College at Brockport, N.Y. Rev. Holt became a member of the Gamma Sigma Society in 1876 and was responsible, one year later, along with Edward F. Wellington, for the design of the official badge of the Society.

It is my privilege to speak of one who for thirty years was Principal of this school. I do not propose to indulge in extravagant praise, knowing how distasteful that would be to him; but it is surely proper that we should consider some of the virtues of Charles D. McLean, and express our gratitude for his many years of efficient labor for the cause of education in general and in our behalf in particular.

The fact that for thirty years he occupied the trying position of Principal of this school speaks volumes. It means persistence—courage—strength. It reveals a conquering, heroic spirit. Blood is thicker than water, and the good Scotch blood of Charles D. McLean had iron in it. So he stood by his guns and won victories when a weaker man would have surrendered.

He was a true teacher. He loved his work and possessed the talent of imparting knowledge. He was so full of enthusiasm for intellectual pursuits that it was indeed a dull or careless student who failed to be touched and inspired to do his best work.

Another admirable characteristic was his generosity. He loaned money to many deserving students.

His interest in his pupils did not end when they graduated. He did everything in his power to secure them desirable positions as teachers. He was always glad to hear of the success of his boys and girls. In his old age he seldom failed to recognize an alumnus, no matter how many years had elapsed since they had met.

This week a large Fraternity holds its Convocation here. It may not be known to all that Professor McLean was the founder of Gamma Sigma.

Professor McLean made many trips to Albany and secured appropriations to carry on and to enlarge the work of our school.

When students we thought him a stern man and the discipline he exercised severe. But we realize now that this was that he might save us from dangers that we did not then appreciate.

It is fitting that his picture should adorn these walls. The Alumni who were taught by him, as from year to year they come back to Alma Mater, looking upon his face will feel their hearts swell with gratitude and will gladly acknowledge that the influence of Charles D. McLean has been a potent one in making their lives of worth to their generation.

CHARLES DONALD McLEAN ... THE MAN

This article was written by Harold G. Dobson, Alpha '00, who was the Grand Custodian of Gamma Sigma Fraternity from 1921 until his death in 1966.

I am one of those former members of Alpha Chapter who knew the founder of our fraternity, Professor Charles D. McLean. He was a man of medium build and height who wore a full beard, behind which was a smile that indicated his generally friendly and co-operative disposition. However, he was stern, when necessity demanded, and was known as a strict disciplinarian.

His sons, Donald and Waldo, now both deceased, were my contemporaries and my playmates and their quarters in the Brockport Normal School were as much home to me as my own house just off the campus. Their father was generous with toys and I benefitted by his generosity. I learned to ride on bicycles in the long halls of the old school.

Professor McLean spent much time with us, playing anagrams, reading to us, telling stories, and playing games. It is little wonder, therefore, that he desired something for his students other than the regular studies of the curriculum, to improve them in social contacts, in the study of literature, and in debating questions of general interest.

CENTENNIAL

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PART TWO

GAMMA SIGMA SOCIETY

CHAPTER FIVE

Gamma Sigma Society 1869-1890

On Monday afternoon, October 11th, 1869, eighteen young men met in the old chemistry room of the Brockport Normal School in Brockport, New York to form a society for the purpose of improving themselves in debate, in original composition, and in other literary exercises. The charter members were: Edward L. Adams, John D. Burns, Charles Cunningham, William K. Dean, Martin L. Deyo, John Norris Drake, A. James Knox, S. E. Loomis, John M. Milne, A. Judson Osborn, Frederick Palmer, George T. Quinby, George Herbert Raymond, William H. Sybrandt, James W. White, Stephen D. Wilbur, Ara Wilkinson, and George F. Yeoman. Temporary officers were appointed and the membership proceeded to elect permanent officers. George Yeoman was elected the first President. James Knox, chairman of the constitution committee, presented a constitution that was adopted in its entirety on a motion by A. J. Osborn.

The following Friday, October 15th, the first regular meeting was held. After the business had been transacted, the members debated upon the subject; "Resolved that circumstances make men and not men the circumstances". Loomis, Cunningham, Wilkinson, Burns, and Sybrandt argued the affirmative while Knox, White, Drake, and Adams spoke for the negative. After a lengthy discussion, the President decided in favour of the affirmative.

The idea of such a literary society had first been conceived by Professor Charles D. McLean, the Principal of the Brockport Normal School. He had been the originator and the founder of the Society and a driving force behind its formation. However, it was not until the meeting of November 6th, 1869 that he, along with Professors Milne, Palmer, Burling, and Lennan, became an honorary member of the Society.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society was held in the Chemistry Room of the Brockport Normal School [illegible]nday Oct 11th 1869.

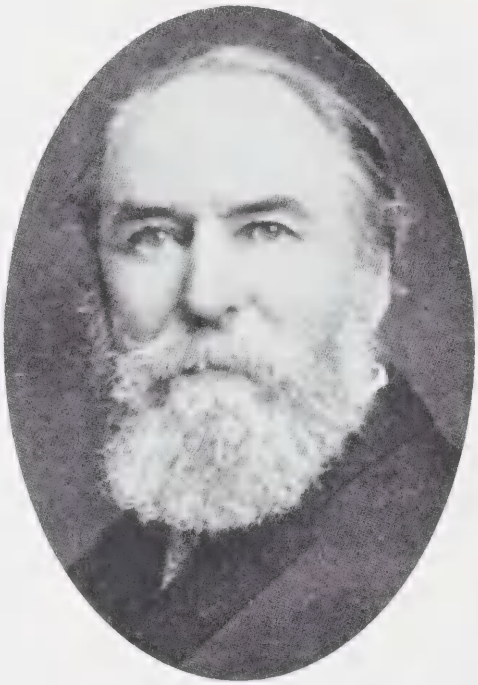
Temporary o[illegible] were appointed and the Society proceeded to the election of permanent Officers for the ensuing quarter. The following were elected. Pres Mr Geo. F. Yeomans
Vice P. " S. H. Wilbur
Sec " E. L. Adams
Treas " M. L. Deyo
Cor. Sec " W. H. Sytrandt
Lit " S. E. Lomis

Mr Knox. Chairman of the committee appointed to draft a constitution made a report presenting a copy of them to the Society for acceptance The constitution was adopted entire by the Society on Motion of Mr Osborne.

Society adjourned until Friday eve at 7.00 PM

E L Adams Sec

A page from the Minute Book of the Gamma Sigma Society.



Professor Lennan, photographed in 1904, who became an honorary member with Professor McLean in November of 1869.

Professor McLean always held the welfare of the Society nearest to his heart and throughout his life he gave it his wise counsel, his kind encouragement, and his most generous aid.

Although the first meetings were held in the old chemistry room, Professor McLean soon secured a meeting room for the Society in the Normal building. He advanced just over two hundred and fifty dollars with which to furnish the new room with carpets, chairs, desks, curtains, a stove, and other furniture. The '*Brockport Republic*' of November 11th, 1869 described the rooms thusly:

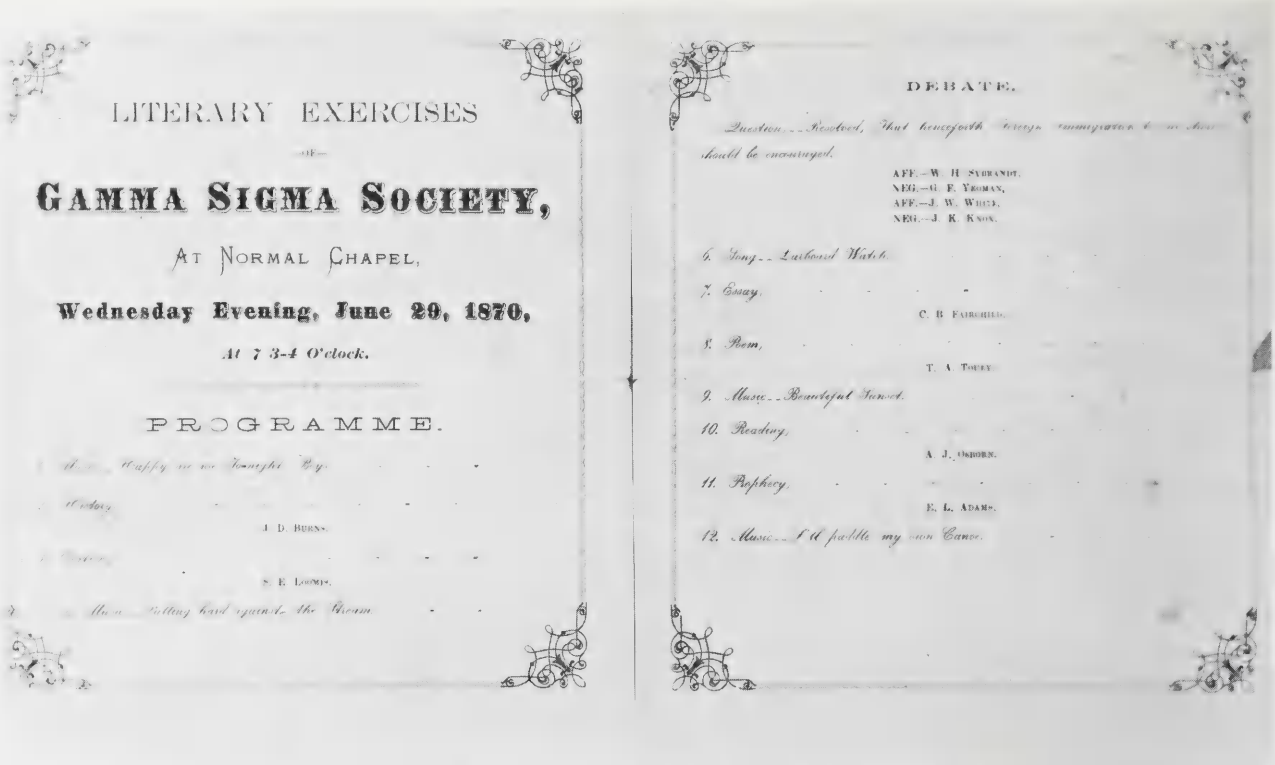
> "Across the main hall from the business office, there has been nicely fitted up a room for the Literary Society. It will be well adapted for the purpose for which it is intended."

The room was never opened except on meeting nights and regular meetings were held once in every two weeks on a Friday evening. However, so fond of the work were the young men that special meetings for a continuance of it was a frequent occurrence. From the beginning, and for many years afterwards, debates and literary exercises and routine business occupied the entire session of every meeting.

The motto, Gnothi Sophian, from which the letters Gamma Sigma are derived, was proposed by the committee on name and was adopted by the membership at the regular meeting of November 13th, 1869. It was suggested by Dr. William J. Milne, a professor at Brockport Normal and later Principal of the Geneseo Normal School and President of the State Normal College at Albany, New York.

The Gamma Sigma Society Room located in the Normal School.

In the first few years, the Society sought means of paying off its financial debt to Professor McLean as quickly as possible. The members wished something which would help them in both a literary and a financial way at the same time. Thus began the public literary entertainments in the Normal Hall of the School. These worked very well and the debt, with interest, was completely cleared by January 26th, 1872. However, the Society did not give up the entertainments but presented fine programs in January and June of each year. Later, when other societies were formed at the Brockport Normal School, competition was created and a greater effort was required and, consequently, greater benefit was derived.



LITERARY EXERCISES

—OF—

GAMMA SIGMA SOCIETY,

AT NORMAL CHAPEL,

Wednesday Evening, June 29, 1870,

At 7 3-4 O'clock.

PROGRAMME.

Music.—Happy in the Tonight Boy.

Oratory.

J. D. BURNS.

Oratory.

S. E. LOOMIS.

Music.—Pulling hard against the Stream.

DEBATE.

Question.—Resolved, That henceforth foreign immigration to our shores should be encouraged.

AFF.—W. H. SYBRANDT.
NEG.—G. F. YEOMAN,
AFF.—J. W. WHITE,
NEG.—J. K. KNOX.

6. Song.—Larboard Watch.

7. Essay.

C. B. FAIRCHILD.

8. Poem.

T. A. TOUEY.

9. Music.—Beautiful Sunset.

10. Reading.

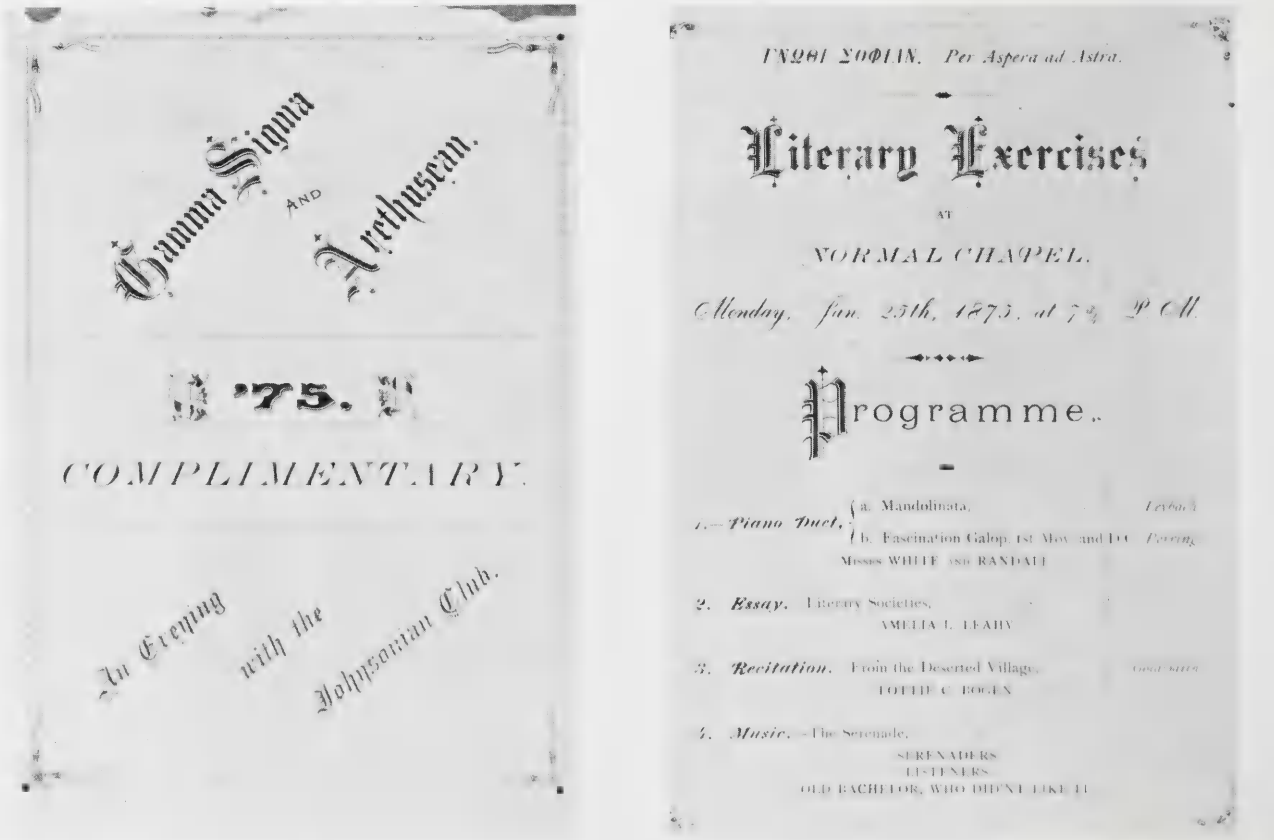
A. J. OSBORN.

11. Prophecy.

E. L. ADAMS.

12. Music.—I'll paddle my own Canoe.

LITERARY EXERCISES



Gamma Sigma AND Arethusean.

'75.

COMPLIMENTARY.

An Evening with the Johnsonian Club.

ΥΝΩΘΙ ΣΟΦΙΑΝ. *Per Aspera ad Astra.*

Literary Exercises

AT

NORMAL CHAPEL.

Monday, Jan. 25th, 1875, at 7½ P. M.

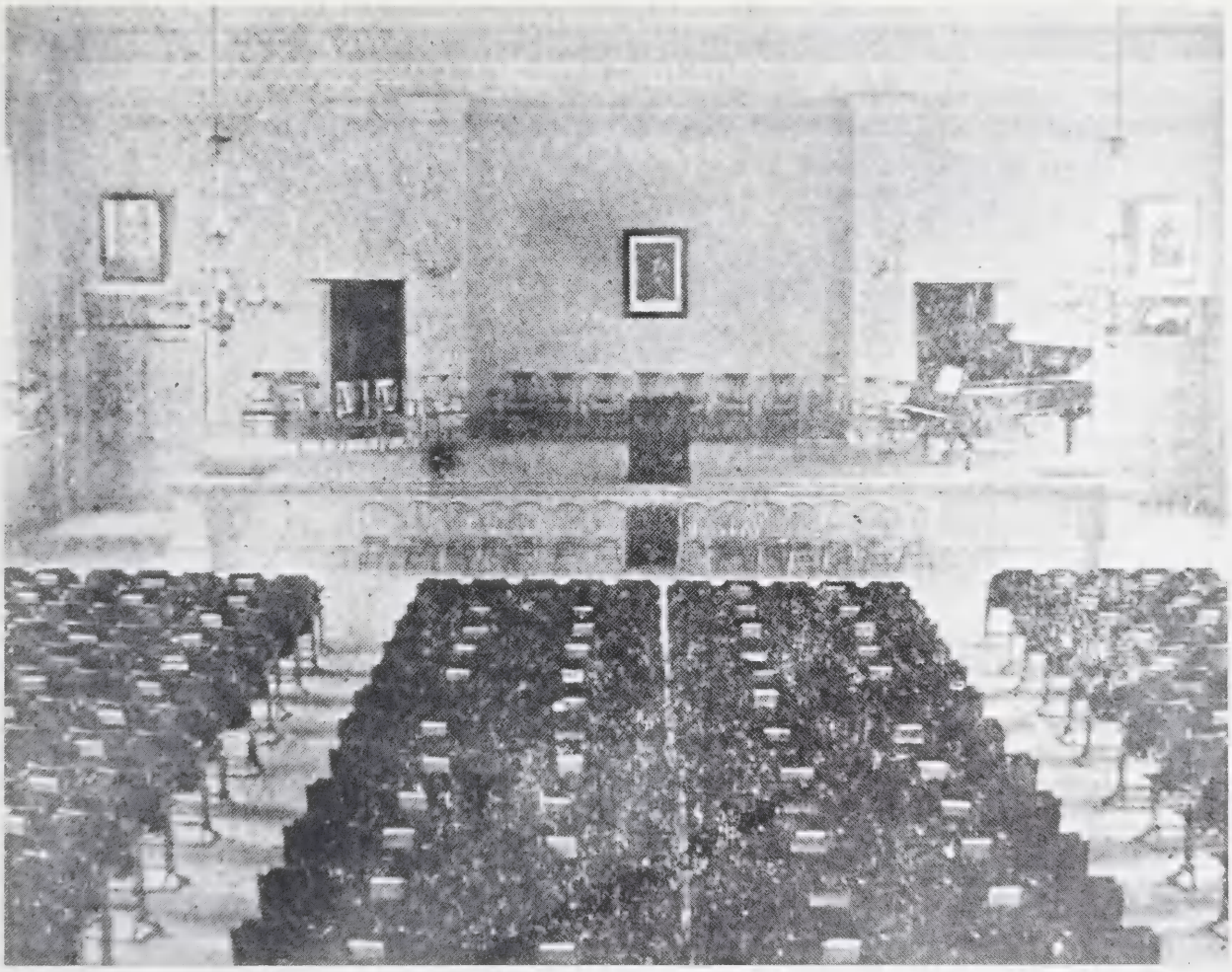
Programme.

1.—*Piano Duet.* a. Mandolinata, *Leybach.*
b. Fascination Galop. 1st Mov. and D.C. *Perring.*
MISSES WHITE AND RANDALL

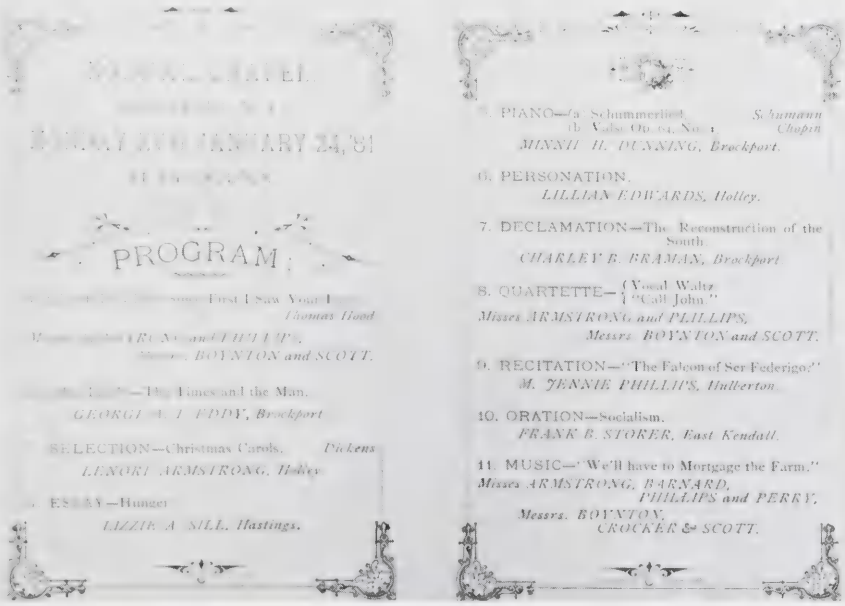
2. *Essay.* Literary Societies.
AMELIA L. LEAHY

3. *Recitation.* From the Deserted Village. *Goldsmith.*
LOTTIE C. BOGEN

4. *Music.*—The Serenade.
SERENADERS
LISTENERS
OLD BACHELOR, WHO DIDN'T LIKE IT



Normal Hall located in Brockport Normal School.



PROGRAM

First I Saw Your [illegible]
Thomas Hood

[illegible] and PHILLIPS,
[illegible] BOYNTON and SCOTT.

[illegible]—The Times and the Man.
GEORGE [illegible] EDDY, Brockport

SELECTION—Christmas Carols. *Dickens*
LENORE ARMSTRONG, Holley

ESSAY—Hunger
LIZZIE A. SILL, Hastings.

PIANO—(a) Schummerlied. *Schumann*
(b) Valse Op. 64, No. 1. *Chopin*
MINNIE H. DUNNING, Brockport.

6. PERSONATION.
LILLIAN EDWARDS, Holley.

7. DECLAMATION—The Reconstruction of the South.
CHARLEY B. BRAMAN, Brockport

8. QUARTETTE—{ Vocal Waltz / "Call John."
Misses ARMSTRONG and PHILLIPS,
Messrs. BOYNTON and SCOTT.

9. RECITATION—"The Falcon of Ser Federigo."
M. JENNIE PHILLIPS, Hulberton

10. ORATION—Socialism.
FRANK B. STORER, East Kendall.

11. MUSIC—"We'll have to Mortgage the Farm."
Misses ARMSTRONG, BARNARD, PHILLIPS and PERRY,
Messrs. BOYNTON, CROCKER & SCOTT.

ΓΝΩΘΙ ΣΟΦΙΑΝ.

Literary Exercises

NORMAL CHAPEL.

BROCKPORT

THURSDAY EVE. JUNE 16.

ISSL. AT 8 O CLOCK

PROGRAMME.

1. QUARTETTE—The Serenade
MESSRS. BOYNTON, SCOTT, CROCKER AND FEASE.
2. ADDRESS—By the President
JOHN STACK, Smyrna.
3. SELECTION—How Ruby Played
GEORGE E. BOYNTON, Lake Side.
4. ORATION—Russian Nihilism
HERBERT J. MENZIE, Bergen.
5. DUET—On to the Field of Glory
MESSRS. BOYNTON AND SCOTT.
6. DECLAMATION—Tribute to Farragut
WILL. K. WILCOX, Smyrna.
7. ESSAY—Mormonism
WILL. A. SCOTT, Clarkson.
8. SOLO—Odi Tu
WILL. D. HOLT, Rochester.
9. ORATION—Financial Crises
CHARLES IRWIN, Mendon.
10. REVELATIONS—
EDWIN M. CROCKER, Byron.
11. QUARTETTE—Evening
MESSRS. BOYNTON, SCOTT, CROCKER AND FEASE.

LITERARY EXERCISES

Arethusa and Gamma Sigma

MONDAY, JANUARY 25,

AT 7:30 O CLOCK, P. M

1880.

The French Revolution.

PROGRAMME.

1. PIANO SOLO. Valse. - - - *Chopin*
VIRGINIA G. OLIVER, Brockport.
2. ESSAY.—Causes and Results of the Revolution.
EMMA JEAN HANEY, Seneca Falls.
3. DECLAMATION.—From "Tale of Two Cities."
HENRY C. STEVENS, Bergen.
4. MUSIC.—Marseillais Hymn. - -
5. ESSAY.—Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.
GRACE L. BETTERIDGE, Brockport.
6. ORATION.—Robespierre and his Colleagues.
ALBERT G. DUNCAN, Rochester.
7. MUSIC.—Threatening Death to Traitor Slave.
8. RECITATION.—France, an Ode. *Coleridge*
ELGIVA A. SIGNOR, Binghamton.
9. ORATION.—In Paris during the Revolution.
CHARLES F. KINGSLEY, Brockport.
10. CHORUS.—"Hail to thee Liberty." -

GAMMA SIGMA SOCIETY.

An Excellent Programme by the Pupils at the Brockport Normal.

Special Dispatch to the Union and Advertiser.

BROCKPORT, June 14.—An audience that completely filled the chapel listened attentively to the splendid programme carried out by the Gamma Sigma Society last evening, and it is safe to say those with the highest expectations in regard to the exercises were not disappointed. The chapel stage was handsomely decorated, and the young men, thirty-one in number, occupied seats on it.

The opening number, "We Meet Again," was nicely rendered by the double quartette, followed by the society's president, Edwin H. Chase, who made a very interesting address to the members of the class, telling them of the chances of the young men of to-day, when so much depends on them, as they constitute that class which is the governed and are also responsible for the government, being largely its choosers, and because they are the bone and sinew of our society and our government.

Augustus G. Southworth's essay on Hamilton, the statesman, told of his early life as a statesman, and of his ability as an organizer. From his reports to Congress came the funding system, the sinking fund, the revenue system, national banking and better currency. The essayist concluded in saying: The financial system of to-day remains a monument to him of his ability as an organizer.

"The States" was the subject of the declamation delivered by Edwin S. Webster. This speaker has a fine voice and forcible manner of speaking, which is very pleasing.

Arthur C. Simmons sang the bass solo "Gold," very nicely, and responded to an encore with "Three Yong Maidens of Lee."

A reading, "Love in a Balloon," read by William D. Hewes, was enjoyed by all.

In the debate of that subject which has occupied so much attention: "Ought the Negro to Have Been Enfranchised?" the points on each side were well taken, Peter A. Blossom taking the negative side and Luther N. Steele the affirmative. Both gentlemen are good speakers.

The most enjoyable part of the programme was the playing by the Gamma Sigma Orchestra, which played "Sweet Little Couple;" and in response to repeated applause played "Humpty Adler." This orchestra of six pieces was organized but a few weeks since, but their playing was of a high order for amateurs.

The orator of the evening was Henry E. Hiler, his subject being "Struggles for Freedom." The oration was a scholarly effort and showed deep study of his subject, and was delivered in a manner of one thoroughly accustomed to speaking in public. He told of the "struggle for freedom," privations early in the history of the world, and especially of the gain of freedom in America and what it has done for the country.

The Prophecy, written in verse, was finely read by Fred M. Ackerson, many hits being made that elicited applause. It was an able effort.

The exercises closed with a quartette by Messrs. Boynton, Hewes, Hoffman and Simmons.

A large number of the alumni of the Gamma Sigma Society from abroad are expected to be present at the banquet this evening, which will take place at the Getty House after the annual concert.

Newspaper article, left, and programme cover, above, serve as reminders of one successful literary exercise held June 13th, 1889 by the Society.

LITERARY EXERCISES,

AT NORMAL HALL,

Thursday Evening, June 19, 1890.

PROGRAM

DOUBLE QUARTETTE—Jolly Brothers

BOYNTON, SOUTHWORTH, COOK, HEWES,
RYNESS, ESTES, CHAMBERLIN, CARR

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

AUGUSTUS G. SOUTHWORTH, Holley

ORATION—A Reign of Anarchy

JOHN W. EDMUNDS, Brockport

QUARTETTE—The Tar's Song J. L. Hatton

BOYNTON, SOUTHWORTH, HEWES, CARR

ESSAY—The Wandering of Ceres

FRANK L. CLARK, Spencerport

ORCHESTRA—The Victor Waltz Pettee

CURVIN, HEWES, CARR, SOUTHWORTH,
BOYNTON, HOFFMAN.

COLONIAL DAYS

(a) ORATION—The Call to Arms for Bunker Hill.

GEORGE F. GRAVES, Brockport

(b) IMPERSONATION—Major Andre

DAVID H. COOK, Murray

(c) POEM—Strike for Your Country

THOMAS H. ARMSTRONG, La Fayette

CORNET SOLO—Eleanor Wiegand

CHARLES D. CARR, Middlesex

PROPHECY

BENJ. G. ESTES, Brockport

QUARTETTE—Come, Rise with the Lark. C. A. White

BOYNTON, SOUTHWORTH, HEWES, CARR

It is certain that the founders did not consider the question as to whether the Gamma Sigma Society would be a permanent one or merely a temporary affair. The idea of a second chapter of the Society at this time had not occurred to anyone. Consequently, one of the founders, John N. Drake, and one of the earlier members (October 29th, 1869), Frank A. Winne, who had followed Dr. William Milne to Geneseo Normal School when he assumed the Principalship, founded the "Delphic Debating Society" at that school in 1871. With the establishment of a chapter of Gamma Sigma at Geneseo in later years, the "Delphic" became a rival order.

The Society was incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York on April 11th, 1872 after a grant had been issued by the Supreme Court of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of New York. Although the incorporation is shown to be two days later on the Gamma Sigma stationery of the time, official documents secured from the Monroe County Clerk's Office state April 11th to be correct.

According to the constitution adopted at the first meeting of the Society, the officers consisted of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Prosecuting Attorney, a Chorister, and a board of three directors. The directors, later termed trustees, were of legal age to meet the incorporation regulations.

During the early days of the Society, there was no form of initiation for new members. The name of any male member of the Normal or Academic department could be proposed by any active member of the Society. Any member proposing a name for membership placed the proposition, unsigned, in a sealed envelope, to be opened and read by the President. All names were referred to a committee on membership. Any person favourably reported by the committee, and receiving a four-fifths vote of the members present, was declared elected. The new member simply signed the constitution and paid an initiation fee of two dollars.

Original Letterhead of the Gamma Sigma Society.

Inspired by the desire for the benefits of a literary society and, perhaps in a measure influenced by the example of the young men who had organized Gamma Sigma during the previous year, the young ladies, in the fall of 1870, after due consultation with the teachers, formed the Arethusa Society, a sister society of Gamma Sigma. Joint sessions were not uncommon and the Annual June Ball, co-sponsored by the two societies, became the highlight of the school year. It was here that the feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood between the members of the two societies had its beginning in the Normal Schools of New York State.

The Society had a name and a motto from the very first month of its founding but up to 1877, it existed without an emblem. A committee for a badge had been established as early as November of 1869 but it was not until the late autumn of 1876 that a paper containing several badge designs was presented to a committee by Edward F. Wellington and William D. Holt, both of whom had become members of the Society on November 18th of that year. On March 16th, 1877, the committee presented the designs to the membership and one was adopted. The design of the badge has remained unchanged since that time, although the original has undergone some reduction and modification. The quality of the pin as well as the setting and the choice of jewels have been the objects of several changes.

It is interesting to note that at this time the emblems were not known as the "pyramid and crescent" but rather as the "triangle and crescent".

A tradition was established on June 27th, 1877 when the First Annual Supper of the Gamma Sigma Society was held at the Getty House in the Village of Brockport. These reunions were held annually in the month of June until 1890 when, with the addition of other chapters, they gave way to the Annual Convocations. The "Supper" became known as the Annual Banquet and each, in turn, was looked forward to by the Alumni of the Society with great anticipation and great enthusiasm.

Gamma Sigma Society 1886.

The life of the Society went on about the same as formerly for many years. The charter members left and others took their places. These in turn left the Society in the hands of their successors and so on until the roll contained a large number of names.

Social activities were introduced but never forgotten was the primary purpose for which Gamma Sigma was established; training its membership in a literary way and making the members capable of discussing questions of interest, among themselves or before the public. Literary works had a most significant and a most beneficial effect on the individual members. Members of the Gamma Sigma Society invariably "made good".

The members of the Gamma Sigma Society established, in twenty-one short years, a solid and a respected reputation within the Brockport Normal School, in the Village of Brockport, and throughout Western New York State. Little did they realize that the old Brockport Society was to become the foundation of the largest secondary school fraternity in the world.

FROM A CHARTER MEMBER

This article, first published in March 1908, was written by John D. Burns, a charter member of the Gamma Sigma Society.

The Gamma Sigma Society owes its existence to the desire of a group of young men to improve themselves by the study of literature and in debating questions of general interest. The first meetings were held in a classroom and it is certain that the founders did not consider the question as to whether the organization would be a permanent one or merely a temporary affair.

The generosity of Principal Charles D. McLean, who secured a room for its meetings and advanced the money with which to furnish such room in a most comfortable manner, gave to Gamma Sigma its chance for a long and useful existence. To the honor of the founders and those who subsequently joined them, the debt to Principal McLean was paid in full with interest; but it must be conceded that the investment was one which only a generous lender would care to make.

The name was suggested by Dr. William J. Milne, now President of the State Normal College at Albany. Regular meetings were held once in two weeks and the young men were so fond of the work that special meetings for a continuance of it were of frequent occurrence. No member was permitted to frequent the Society room except at the regular or special meetings.

Debates and literary exercises and routine business occupied the entire session of every meeting. Every member was required to participate in the debates and to perform the other work assigned to him or be subjected to a fine which he knew would be enforced. The failures to respond to work assigned were extremely few.

There were no banquets and there was no dancing. The social factor was entirely wanting. Still, friendships were formed which, in all the passing years, death alone has been able to sever.

In later years, our brother Wellington conceived the idea of making the old society the Alpha Chapter of a Gamma Sigma Fraternity, which has increased until chapters have been established in many places and have made the name Gamma Sigma known in many States. Whether this innovation has improved the Brockport Society or not, the writer is not prepared to state; and if that question shall ever be decided, it must be by someone more familiar with the facts.

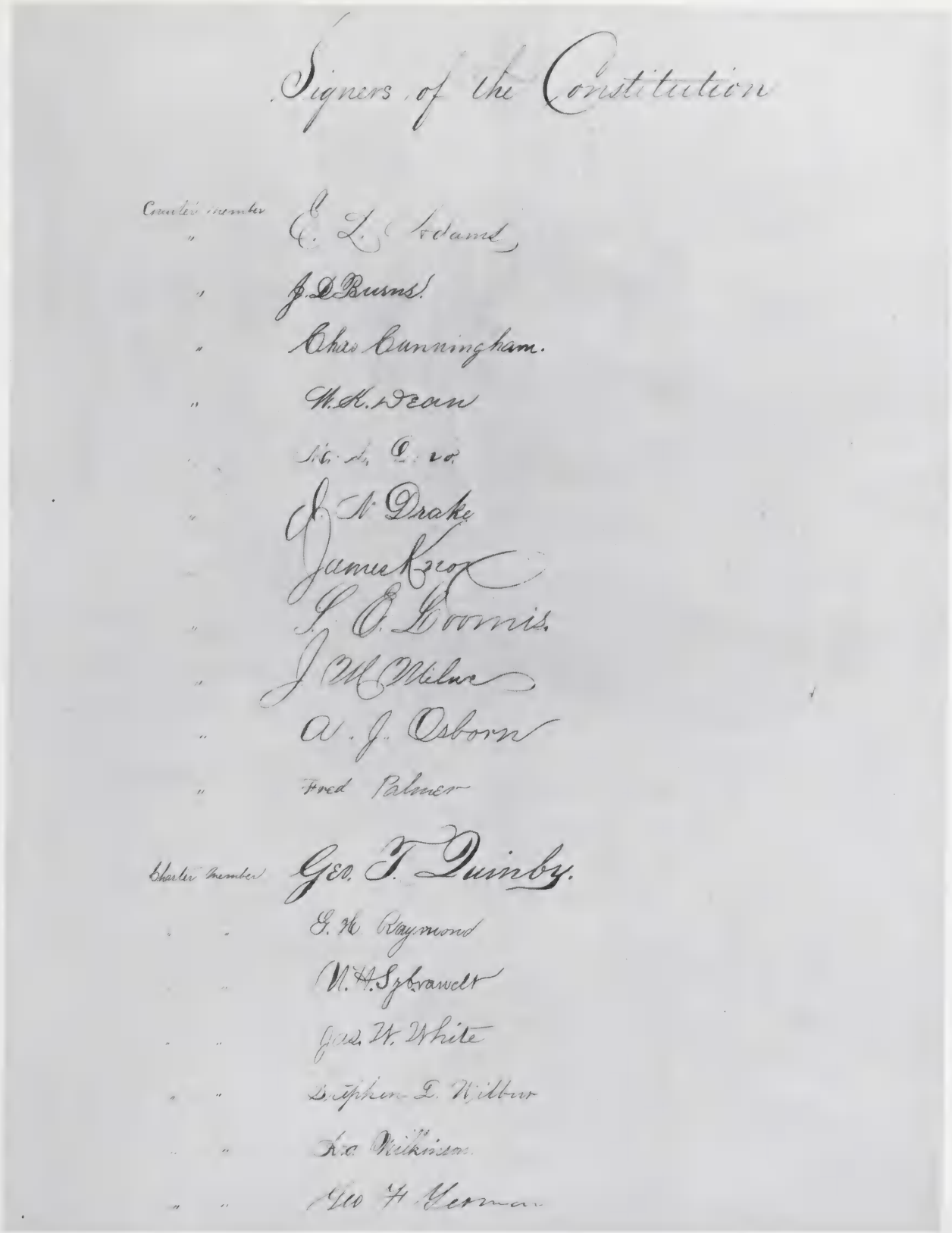
With the fraternity idea, social features began to hold a prominent place in Society life resulting in joint sessions, banquets, initiations, and frequent conventions. Instead of the literary exercises attended by large and patient audiences, the "June Ball" and annual play have been made prominent.

It is not the purpose of this paper to criticise these social features of Society life. If not carried too far, they perform a useful office and add an attraction which would have benefitted the founders, although they were impossible in their day. It is to be hoped, however, that Gamma Sigma will never forget that it was established primarily for the purpose of training its members in a literary way and to make them capable of discussing questions of interest among themselves or before the public.

CHAPTER SIX

Our Founders: The Boys of '69

Edward L. Adams
John D. Burns
Charles Cunningham
William K. Dean
Martin L. Deyo
John Norris Drake
James K. Knox
S.E. Loomis
John M. Milne
A. Judson Osborn
Frederick Palmer
George T. Quinby
George Herbert Raymond
William H. Sybrandt
James W. White
Stephen D. Wilbur
Ara. Wilkinson
George F. Yeoman



Signers of the Constitution

Charter member E. L. Adams
" J. D. Burns
" Chas Cunningham.
" W. K. Dean
" M. L. Dow
" J. N. Drake
" James Knox
" S. E. Loomis.
" J. M. Milne
" A. J. Osborn
" Fred Palmer

Charter member Geo. T. Quimby.
" " G. H. Raymond
" " N. H. Sybrawelt
" " Jas. W. White
" " Stephen D. Wilbur
" " Ira Wilkinson
" " Geo F. German

A page from the Minute Book of the Gamma Sigma Society.

This writer was only able to uncover information on ten of the eighteen charter members of the Gamma Sigma Society. Further to the material supplied in this chapter of Gamma Sigma — The First One Hundred Years", records do show that Charles Cunningham, James K. Knox, S. E. Loomis, and John M. Milne were all deceased by March of 1913.

Edward L. Adams

Research has uncovered very little of what appears to be the most successful life of Edward L. Adams. Edward was educated at the Brockport State Normal School where he became a charter member of the Gamma Sigma Society on October 11th, 1869.

Edward was a prominent journalist in 1885 before entering the Diplomatic Service of the United States. In 1903, he was the United States Ambassador to Norway and Sweden.

John D. Burns

John D. Burns was born in New York City on March 9th, 1854. His father, John, was a native of Bath, England, who came to the United States in 1853 with his wife, Ada, and in 1855 located in Brockport, N.Y.

John D. entered Brockport Normal School at the age of thirteen years, graduating from the Classical Professional Course, with honours, in 1871. He taught school for several years, being at one time the Principal of Tonawanda High School.

In 1874, he began the study of law in the office of Major John Norris of Buffalo and was admitted to the bar in 1877, setting up his practice in Brockport. In 1893, he opened another office in Rochester but closed it a few years later. He practiced alone until 1910, when he and his son formed the firm of Burns and Burns.

John Burns was an enthusiastic supporter of the Brockport Normal School, being elected to the Local Board of that school in 1885. He became President of the Board in 1898 and remained so until his death.

John maintained his active interest in Gamma Sigma, the Society which he had helped found in 1869 while attending classes at Brockport Normal. He served on the first Grand Council in 1891 as Financial Secretary. In 1897, he became Grand President of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity, a position he held for one year.

Brother Burns was married in 1883 to Clara Smith and they had one son, George. George also became a member of Gamma Sigma while he attended the Normal School.

John D. Burns died on March 1st, 1917 at the age of 62. He was survived by his wife and son.

Charles Cunningham

Charles was born the son of Rev. John Cunningham, the Pastor of the Sweden Presbyterian Church, Sweden, New York. He was educated at the Brockport Normal School, where he became a charter member of the Gamma Sigma Society on October 11th, 1869.

John Norris Drake

John Drake was born in Clarkson, N.Y. on February 2nd, 1854. His mother, Martha, and his father, Elijah, came to Monroe County in 1832. The family traced its descent to Sir Francis Drake, the famous English explorer.

John N. was educated at the Clarkson High School and the Brockport Normal School, where he became a charter member of the Gamma Sigma Society. At the time that Professor William J. Milne received an invitation to assume the Principalship of the Normal School at Geneseo, N.Y., John Drake followed him to complete his studies under his direction. He was one of the first four graduates of the Geneseo Normal School in 1872.

John began the study of law in Rochester, N.Y. and was admitted to the bar on October 16th, 1876. Re-moving to Brockport in 1881, he established a general practice. In 1882, he was appointed the Clerk of the Village of Brockport, a position he held until his death. A later appointment made him the Village Attorney. He also served the educational interests of the community in the capacity of Trustee of the West District School for several years.

In August of 1882, he married Louise E. Graley and they had four children: Merle G., Henry J., Margaret L., and Catherine M. His son "Hervey", later became a member of Gamma Sigma.

John Drake was the author and compiler of a number of important books on Law, namely: '*The Village Charter*', '*The Revised Village Charter*', '*New York Tax Law*,' '*Town Clerk's Duties and Fees*', '*Index to the Chapters of the General Laws*', and others. These works are considered by the legal profession to be of great thoroughness.

John Norris Drake died on March 11th, 1899, leaving a most excellent and respected record of accomplishment behind him.

Frederick Palmer

Fred Palmer was born in Clarkson, New York, on September 4th, 1853, the son of Isaac and Eliza B. Palmer. His father had been variously engaged in farming and the manufacture of drills for grain and was also one of the builders of the gas works at Brockport.

Fred's lifetime was passed in Clarkson, Hamlin, and Brockport, New York. He was educated in the Brockport Normal School, where he became a charter member of the Gamma Sigma Society, and also the Academy of Rochester, N.Y. After his graduation, he engaged in the same business as his father in his family's store in Rochester. In 1873, he came to Brockport and took charge of the gas works.

In 1876, Fred married Alice Comstock Wing, daughter of George Grace. He died in July of 1902 and was survived by his wife and their three children: Isaac, Frederick S., and William N.

George T. Quinby

George T. Quinby was born in Rhode Island in 1851, the son of Isaac F., and Elizabeth Quinby. After the Civil War, the family settled in Monroe County, N.Y.

George attended the Brockport Normal School where he became a charter member of the Gamma Sigma Society in 1869. After graduation, he moved to Buffalo to take up the study of law. He was, at one time, the District Attorney of Erie County, New York. He was a young man of extraordinary ability and became quite famous through some of his legal contests.

George T. Quinby died on November 19th, 1895 in Buffalo, New York.

John M. Milne

John M. Milne was a student at the Brockport Normal School where he became a charter member of the Gamma Sigma Society in 1869. He became the first Grand President of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity at the 22nd Convocation held in June of 1891 at Brockport, N.Y.

George Raymond

George Raymond was born in Portage, Wyoming County, N.Y., the son of Alonzo B. and Elizabeth A. Raymond. His father was a school teacher, a mercantile businessman, and the Pastor of the Universalist Church for four years from 1860 to 1864.

George was educated at the Brockport Normal School, where he became a charter member of the Gamma Sigma Society. George moved to Buffalo, New York after his graduation where he became the Secretary of the Board of Trade of that city at the turn of the century.

William H. Sybrandt

William H. Sybrandt was born on a humble farm in the town of Argyle, Washington County, New York on January 2nd, 1850. For several years he attended a district school and later the Argyle Academy, where he received his preparation for a remarkable career. In the fall of 1866 he came to Clarkson, an early home of Charles D. McLean. He lived with his aunt and uncle and walked three miles each day to attend the Brockport Collegiate Institute. In the spring of 1867, he enrolled in the new State Normal School in

William H. Sybrandt

Brockport and completed his course three years later. It was during these three years that he became a charter member of the Gamma Sigma Society in 1869.

After graduation, William H. taught as Principal of the Union School of Greenwich and the following year as Principal of the Argyle Academy. In 1872 he entered Amherst and graduated with a creditable record in 1876. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity and his Class Poet.

In the fall of 1872 he entered Yale Theological Seminary, but was transferred to Hartford at the end of the first term. Upon his graduation from the latter institution in 1879, he was ordained and installed in the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Boston, Massachusetts, of which he immediately became pastor. In 1882 he accepted a call to the Oakwood Presbyterian Church of Troy, New York, a pastorate he filled with great credit and distinction for over thirty-eight years. In April, 1920, he returned to Brockport where he was engaged as Stated Supply of the Sweden Presbyterian Church.

Although away from Gamma Sigma for many years, Reverend Sybrandt always held the best interests of his Fraternity at heart. He returned to the active fold in 1920 on his return to Brockport. He served as Grand Chaplain from 1921 until his death in 1934, being elected for life at the 56th Convocation in 1925.

George F. Yeoman

George F. Yeoman was born in Delaware County, N.Y. in 1846. He studied at the Brockport Normal School, where he became a charter member and the first President of the Gamma Sigma Society on October 11th, 1869. After graduation, George studied at the University of Rochester and began the practice of law in Rochester, N.Y. in 1875.

The death of Judge Francis A. Macomber caused a vacancy on the bench and on November 10th, 1893, Governor Flower of New York State appointed Mr. Yeoman to fill the same. He took the oath of office as a justice of the Supreme Court for the Seventh Judicial District of the State on November 15th, 1893 and retired on December 31st, 1894.

So respected was George Yeoman, his picture was printed in the book, '*Notable Men of Rochester*', published in 1902 by Dwight J. Stoddard.

CENTENNIAL

1869

PART THREE

GAMMA SIGMA FRATERNITY

CHAPTER SEVEN

Gamma Sigma Fraternity 1890-1969

It is difficult to determine just when Gamma Sigma ceased to be a Society and began to exist as a Fraternity. The idea of a fraternity had been proposed as early as 1878. At the Second Annual Supper of the Society, held on June 22nd of that year, the following proposal was made:

> "Resolved that a committee of four be appointed to confer with several Normal Schools of the State in regard to making Gamma Sigma a *fraternity* and that they be empowered to act as a whole or individually".

However, the proposal was laid on the table and no action was taken.

When a second chapter, Beta, located in Rochester, N.Y., was added on September 25th, 1890, the old Gamma Sigma Society in Brockport became known as the Alpha Chapter. It was about this time that Edward F. Wellington, Gamma Sigma Society '76, proposed the idea of a Gamma Sigma Fraternity. However, to determine an exact date when this change took place has been impossible. This writer feels that the transition from Society to Fraternity was gradual and extended over many months in 1890.

The spirit of yearly reunions gradually grew up and became an important event. The custom of a Gamma Sigma Supper, which was begun in the early days, soon grew into a tradition. These continued until 1891, when, by the addition of more chapters, these reunions necessarily gave way to convocations of all the chapters.

The first such convocation, celebrating the 22nd anniversary of Gamma Sigma, was held in Brockport, N.Y., on June 25th, 1891 with Alpha, Beta, and Gamma Chapters and their Alumni.

The conventions were attended by a majority of the members of each chapter, for whose entertainment many special functions of a social nature were usually planned. Grand Officers were elected from the very first. The first fraternity constitution provided for a President, a Vice-President from each chapter and alumni club, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Sergeant-at-Arms, two Deputy Sergeant - at - Arms, an Attorney, and a Chaplain. In addition, a Board of five Trustees was set up. Board Members were obligated to be of full legal age and residents of the State of New York. The Vice-Presidents were elected by their respective chapters or clubs.

The ruling body became the Grand Chapter, made up of Officers and delegates, who conducted the affairs of the Fraternity, through the Board of Trustees and standing committees on Convocation, Chapters, Rites and Ceremonies, and Ways and Means. The Grand Chapter became an official recognized body in 1899 and has remained so, with very few changes, to this day.

The first fraternity constitution was adopted at the Convocation of 1891 and was published at Rochester the same year through the efforts of Edward Wellington. It was subsequently revised and re-printed at the 30th Convocation in Geneseo, N.Y. in 1899, at the 51st Convocation in Newark, New Jersey in 1920, at the 64th Convocation in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1933, at the 77th Convocation in Niagara Falls, Ontario in 1946, at the 87th Convocation in Baltimore, Maryland in 1956, and at the 99th Convocation in Hamilton, Ontario in 1968. The constitution has been amended on numerous occasions over the years.

CONSTITUTION

—AND—

BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

Gamma Sigma Fraternity.

ADOPTED AT THE CONVOCATION HELD IN

BROCKPORT, IN JUNE, 1891,

—BY THE—

ALPHA, BETA AND GAMMA CHAPTERS

AND THEIR ALUMNI.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.:
ROCHESTER LITHOGRAPHING COMPANY'S PRINT.
1891.

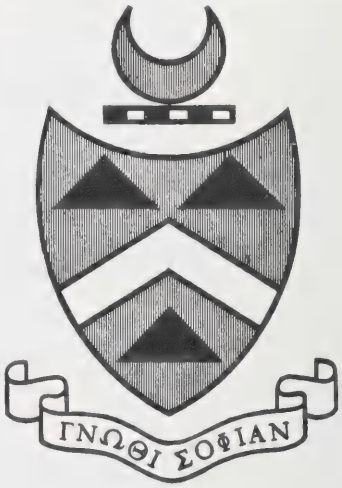
Title page from original Constitution adopted in 1891.

Tradition has it that the Society first selected "Blue and Gold" as the colours but research has failed to establish any proof of this assertion. Early in the year 1891, a committee, composed of Clarence M. Chamberlain, Beta, Benjamin George Estes, Alpha '86, and Herbert R. Lewis, Alpha '89, was chosen to select the Fraternity colours. On the report of the committee at the convention at Brockport in June of 1891, "Old-rose and White" were adopted.

The fraternity has never chosen any particular flower for its own. For decorative purposes, roses and carnations of the proper shades are generally used.

During the early days, there was no form of initiation other than the signing of the constitution; but at the convocation with Alpha in June of 1892, a ritual drafted by Edward F. Wellington and Harvey D. Brown, Alpha '85, was adopted. At the 27th Convocation held in Rochester with Beta Chapter in 1896, the same authors presented a revised and more adaptable draft of the former ritual. This new initiatory ritual was adopted and is essentially the one in use today. With the adopting of the first ritual, the emblem the "triangle" was changed to the "pyramid".

The Crescent, a forerunner of *The Pyramid and Crescent*, was established in 1902 by Lloyd E. Brown, Gamma '01. Chapter Nine of *"Gamma Sigma — The First One Hundred Years"* is devoted in its entirety to the history of *The Pyramid and Crescent.*



Coat-of-Arms adopted in 1907.

After several years of agitation upon the subject, a "coat-of-arms" was finally adopted at the 38th Convocation of 1907. The design was submitted by Dreka of Philadelphia. The official colouring of the shield is old-rose with a white chevron, while the crescent, pyramids, and the outlines are gold. The motto at the base is also of gold with black lettering.

It was not until the 44th Convocation of 1913 in Lockport, N.Y. that the Grand Chapter adopted a fraternity "shingle", or certificate of membership. The design was presented by Tiffany and Company of New York.

The Convocation of 1913 also produced the adoption of an official hatband. However, the wearing of Gamma Sigma hatbands has not become general.

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

1869

This Certifies that

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having been duly elected, initiated and received into full membership by the _____ *Chapter of*

The Gamma Sigma Fraternity

is hereby entitled to all the rights and privileges enjoyed by members of the fraternity and as set forth in its constitution and bylaws

In witness whereof we have set our hands and the official seal of the fraternity

GRAND PRESIDENT	PRESIDENT
GRAND SECRETARY	SECRETARY

Initiated _____

Shingle similar to that adopted in 1913.

In the developing of fraternity ideals, the work had been more or less centralized about old Alpha Chapter. The chapter at Brockport had been particularly fortunate in that it had always been allowed the privileges of the Normal School building. It had always had its rooms in the school and had ever been the leading Greek-letter Society about which the various activities had centred. The alumni of Alpha Chapter had been the leaders in the school work and throughout the early history of the Fraternity.

In 1915, the members and the alumni of Alpha decided that they would like to present a permanent monument to the Brockport Normal School to commemorate the founding of the Gamma Sigma Society. The members decided to place a stained-glass window in the main corridor of the Normal, which marked the spot where the early meetings of the Society were held. The other Societies in the School decided to do the same, each adopting a window representing one of the virtues. Gamma Sigma's window was to represent Wisdom.

The window was erected and remained in the school until remodelling began in the late 1940's when the windows were crated and stored away. All efforts to retrieve the Gamma Sigma window have proven fruitless and it appears to be lost forever.

When the call to arms sounded in the spring of 1917, the sons of Gamma Sigma were everywhere among the foremost to join the colours. Grand President Emerson Lee Taylor, Psi '13, promptly enlisted in the service and his example was immediately followed by a majority of other Grand Officers.

In the subordinate chapters, too, the declaration of war had a marked effect. Several chapters proudly record that the entire active membership enlisted while others boast a majority in uniform.

Following the war an intensive reconstruction of the original fraternity structure was necessary. The declaration of war had made the Fraternity a dead issue and the responsibility now fell upon new and inexperienced shoulders. However, it was carried forward with the same invincible enthusiasm of earlier years.

The 47th Convocation held in Chicago, Illinois in 1916 arranged a schedule of three consecutive conventions, the last of which was to be held with Alpha Alpha Chapter in Newark, New Jersey. No one thought then that this was destined to be the next meeting but that was the way that it turned out.

The 1920's became known as the reconstruction years. It began in July of 1920 when representatives from only five chapters gathered in Newark. The Fraternity was in a most disorganized state. All efforts to locate the Fraternity records in Chicago had met with defeat and it fell upon the Newark convention to start anew.

October 11th was authorized as the Official Founder's Day by the delegates to the 53rd Convocation held with Alpha Chapter in 1922. Down through the years, this day has held great significance for the brothers of Gamma Sigma.

Stained-glass window erected by Alpha Chapter in 1915

The Fraternity adopted the "pledge" button, already in use by a majority of the chapters, at the 54th Convocation held in Buffalo, New York in 1923. Previous to that convention, many had persisted in using ribbons of old-rose and white.

Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha '20, emerged as the single most driving force in the reconstruction years of the twenties. He served on the Grand Council consecutively from 1921 to 1927 and was responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the majority of the new legislation that was introduced. He was also instrumental in the long-awaited revival of the *Pyramid-Crescent*.

Wilbur Ward Hiler

With the addition of Alpha Zeta Chapter in Niagara Falls, Ontario in 1927, Gamma Sigma became the first international secondary school fraternity in the world. This was most assuredly the greatest milestone in the fraternity's fifty-eight year history.

While the twenties were the reconstruction years, the decade that followed was known as a great period of expansion. It was during the 1930's that twenty-three chapters were added to the rolls. Charters were issued to many local fraternities seeking affiliation with Gamma Sigma. The name and the symbols of the fraternity became famous throughout the United States and Canada for the high scholastic and athletic records of its brothers, for outstanding convocations, and for the organization of activities and forms of entertainment to rival those of professional showmanship.

Three Grand Presidents, Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27, Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, and Robert G. Christopher, Alpha Zeta, became known as the most colourful fraternity men of their day. Travelling far and wide, they spread the good will of Gamma Sigma and gained the respect and admiration of fraternity and non-fraternity students everywhere.

On October 11th, 1930, the Grand Council, with the aid of the respective chapters, placed a small stone with a bronze plaque on the grave of Charles Donald McLean in Lakeview Cemetery on the outskirts of Brockport, N.Y. Delegates from Alpha, Beta, and Omicron Chapters were present at the unveiling ceremony. The marker has long been the gathering place for those who travel to Brockport to pay homage to Professor McLean.

Plaque (above right) and those present at the 1930 unveiling (below).

Back, l. to r.: Robert M. Lincoln, Alpha '29 (Alpha President); Donald McCracken, Alpha '28; Edward Goetzman, Alpha '30; Kenneth Hovey, Alpha '30; Clifford F. Bradt, Omicron (General Secretary); unknown; Mark Brown, Alpha '30; Wallace Fowler Maw, Alpha '27; Joseph Martin Duff, Alpha '27; unknown; unknown; Frederick E. Rudman, Alpha '27 (Chairman of Committee on Chapters).
Front: unknown; Samuel Merring, Alpha '28; Lawrence Carter, Alpha '30; Justin Earl Holbrook, Alpha '28; Donald Fowler, Alpha '30; Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha '28; unknown; unknown.

GAMMA SIGMA
FRATERNITY

GRAND COUNCIL

Centennial Celebration

of the

Birth of Charles Donald MacLean

Founder of the Fraternity

November 7, 1834 — November 7, 1934

November Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh
Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Four

ROCHESTER — BROCKPORT

Programme

RECEPTION . . . *Friday, November 9th*
8:00 P. M., Rochester

GRAND BALL . . . *Saturday, November 10th*
10:00 P. M., Roxbury Inn, Brockport

MEMORIAL SERVICE . . *Sunday, November 11th*
3:00 P. M., State Normal School, Brockport
Parade to Grave of the Founder

BANQUET . . . *Sunday, November 11th*
8:15 P. M., Roxbury Inn, Brockport

TOASTMASTER
Mr. Albert Zink, Gamma, Buffalo

INVOCATION
Rev. William Compton, Beta, Rochester
Church of the Ascension

Opening Song . . . . . *Jubilee Song*

WELCOME
Jack A. Striker, Gamma, Buffalo
Grand President, '33-'35

Song . . . . . *The Boys of Sixty-Nine*

SPEAKERS

Professor Arthur Tooley, Alpha '79 . . . Brockport

Frederick S. Holbrook, Alpha . . . Rochester
Grand Attorney '30-'35

Harold G. Dobson, Alpha . . . . Brockport
Grand Custodian '21-'37

William Kennedy, Omicron . . . . Syracuse
Past Grand President

Clifford Bradt, Omicron . . . . Syracuse
Past General Secretary

Gamma Sigma Anthem

Had he lived, Charles McLean would have celebrated his one hundredth birthday on November 7th, 1934. To mark this momentous occasion, the Grand Council of the Fraternity sponsored a three-day convention in Brockport and Rochester, New York. The convention opened on November 9th with a reception in Rochester. The following evening a Ball was held in Brockport and on the afternoon of November 11th, a memorial service was conducted at the Brockport Normal School and was followed by a pilgrimage to the grave of Professor McLean. A banquet was held that evening as a conclusion to a successful celebration of McLean's one-hundredth birthday.

NOVEMBER 8, 1934

Fraternity to Honor Founder's Birthday

Gamma Sigma to Open Conclave Tomorrow

Programme (top) and Rochester news clipping (above) announce 100th anniversary of birth of Prof. McLean. (Editor's Note—Notice that McLean is misspelled).

Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27.

As the world was plunged into the second great war of the century, Gamma Sigma lost one of her greatest brothers, Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27. With Gamma Sigma becoming an international fraternity in 1927 as a result of the chartering of Alpha Zeta Chapter, Brother Peckham rose to the top as a leader in international relations.

In 1941, somewhere on the shores of England, there was brought about a meeting of all available brothers serving overseas from their native land. This meeting came about through the efforts of Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27. It was a memorable occasion and served well as a symbol of the strong international brotherhood that existed in Gamma Sigma.

At the 72nd Convocation of 1941, which unknowingly was to be the last such meeting for five years, the delegates convening at Niagara Falls, Ontario discussed the availability of their remaining capable members who could hold out the year in office before being called to serve in the armed forces of their respective countries.

Former Grand President Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, was re-elected to assume the duties of the office which he had held in years prior and became the first brother in the fraternity's history to serve a third term. Gamma Sigma prepared herself to fight for her very existence.

In April of 1942, with fraternity interest fast ebbing throughout the chapters, Grand President Weir made a trip to Canada to contact Brothers Robert G. Christopher, Alpha Zeta, and Arthur H. Neal, Alpha Kappa, to discuss what the fraternity's course would be in the still darkening wartime era.

It was decided that Brother Roland Lee, Alpha Zeta, at that time Grand Vice-President, was the logical man to accept the role of supreme government. Although under heavy pressure of work dealing with war contracts, Brother Lee endeavoured willingly to assure his fraternity of adequate aid and legislation. The intense business and fraternal work continued to harass Brother Lee and, in time, one was forced to suffer. With no other alternative possible, his efforts went entirely into war work.

It seemed as though this was the end of the organization that had withstood the Spanish-American War, World War I, and the harsh depression of 1929. It was, indeed, a dark moment. The chapters, without a functioning governing Council, drifted on in their own individual state. It was to be revealed in later years that the fraternal strength in the chapters was almost incredible and that most had undertaken projects to aid the war effort.

Now in the service of the United States Army, the last elected Grand President, Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, endeavoured, in 1943, to find out the course of events in Gamma Sigma. In correspondence with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Robert G. Christopher, Alpha Zeta, and former Grand Secretary Charles Willard Hendrick, Alpha Psi '32, it was learned that the fraternity functioned in chapters alone and that the Grand Council was non-operative. It was decided amongst the three that the proclamation of 1942, which cancelled chapter taxes and reduced the registration fees, be declared void. This was the beginning of what was to become the re-establishment of the Council. It functioned slowly at first but steadily gained momentum.

Even though in the Army, stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, Brother Weir took over the fraternal reins. He was aided greatly by Grand Custodian Harold G. Dobson, Alpha '00, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Robert G. Christopher, Alpha Zeta, and former Grand Secretary Charles W. Hendrick, Alpha Psi '32, who took on the task of Secretary-Treasurer. Thomas P. Williams, Alpha Delta, overcame almost insurmountable obstacles and assumed the Editorship of the *Pyramid and Crescent*. The first wartime issue appeared in late 1944 and stirred the chapters into various roles of co-ordinated activity.

Leaving for overseas in the fall of 1944 with the 69th Division, Brother Weir invested Secretary-Treasurer Hendrick with full and final authority in administering to the needs of the fraternity. Brother Hendrick, in assuming this gigantic task, produced amazing results in all of his endeavours. With Brother Christopher now in the Canadian Army and Brother Dobson unable to correspond and correspondence with Brother Weir on less than a monthly basis, the task was even more commendable to Brother Hendrick's efforts.

Grand President Robert M. Weir, Kappa, headed the fraternity from overseas during the later years of World War II.

Brother Williams, the fraternity's wartime Editor, came forth, in the spring of 1945, with the second war issue of the Pyramid and Crescent and further aided his own worth to the fraternity which can be labelled as priceless for the publication served as the link the fraternity needed to mould it together.

With the end of hostilities in 1945, fraternal activity again began in earnest. Grand President Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, returned victorious from France, *The Pyramid and Crescent* resumed regular publication under the capable editing of Thomas Williams of Alpha Delta, and plans were formulated for the first post-war Convocation.

Three chapters bid strenuously for the honour of sponsoring the 77th Convocation: Alpha Zeta in Niagara Falls, Ontario; Alpha Gamma in Amsterdam, N.Y.; and Beta Theta in Baltimore, Maryland. Alpha Zeta was finally awarded the sponsorship. It was at the 77th that the Gamma Sigma Creed, written by Brother Weir, was officially adopted by the delegates. The Creed is considered by many as the finest and most sincere piece of material published in modern-day Gamma Sigma.

The years from the end of the war until 1950 were years of extensive reconstruction and reorganization. Many chapters lost during the war were reactivated and much progressive legislation was adopted. Niagara Falls, Ontario proved itself to be the centre of fraternity activity in these years and three of the five conventions were held in the Falls.

It was in 1947 that Gamma Sigma Fraternity became a founder of the Inter-Fraternity Congress. The Congress had long been a dream of Robert Weir and it was appropriate that he became its first President.

The Pyramid and Crescent, for years sold to the chapters and alumni clubs, was distributed free for the first time in September of 1949.

Inter-Fraternity Congress - New York City - March, 1947

Front, l. to r.: Roland T. Putnam, Pi Phi, Treasurer; **Jack** W. Hart, Phi Lambda Epsilon, Corresponding Secretary (Founder); Robert M. Weir, Gamma Sigma, President (Founder); Fontaine M. Johnson, Sigma Phi Omega, Recording Secretary; Jackson Wheatley, Lambda Sigma, Legal Advisor. **Centre:** William W. Boerst, Alpha Zeta; Fred B. Smith, Pi Phi; George W. Garrison, Pi Phi; Charles W. Hendrick, Gamma Sigma; Andrew M. Bristow, Zeta Eta Theta; Joseph Rock, Delta Sigma; Fred E. Schooley, Alpha Gamma Sigma (Founder). **Back:** Fred J. Schill, Jr., Gamma Eta Kappa; Ernest Ashurst, Chi Sigma Chi; Robert Lake, Pi Phi; Ralph J. Brueckner, Chi Sigma Chi; Joseph Deady, Delta Sigma Nu; William O. Hulsey, Phi Lambda Epsilon (Founder); John H. O'Neill, Delta Sigma.

Gamma Sigma

FOUNDED OCTOBER 11, 1869, BROCKPORT, N.Y.

CREED

I, having been chosen by their own free will to become a member of their fraternity, do promise them and myself to adhere to the principles of Fraternity and Brotherhood.

That I pledge myself to believe in the ideals of Fraternalism, morally, intellectually, and socially for the advancement of all its members.

That I will ever strive for a more thorough knowledge of the government of my country and shall take civic pride in my place of abode to see that its efforts find a place of betterment in the welfare of my nation.

That I shall ever work for the defense, improvement, and perpetuation of free institutions as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and those laws governing the Dominion of Canada under which we, as members of Gamma Sigma, are united in fraternal brotherhood. Solidifying the greatest bond of friendship in true fraternity, and solidly expressed in voice of greeting by the same Mother tongue.

That the acceptance of this code of ethics shall contain the protection of all womanhood and the extension of courtesy thereof and that the Cardinal Virtues shall be honored and exemplified in my everyday life.

That in the cause of true fraternalism I shall endeavor to render aid to those less fortunate than I. Not seeking to publicise, but as an aid to humanity who may accept with the peaceful knowledge of mind that he bears no obligation and it does not bear the mark of charity.

That I shall work for the promotion of Patriotism and good fellowship, the cultivation of my thoughts in the selection and reading of good literary matter; in my search to quench my thirst for knowledge, for my betterment and that of my brothers; for the better expression of ideas and intelligent comment of those about me.

That in these, the rising years of my youth, I shall endeavor to mold my character under the guidance of the Will of God and shall, in the good health of my mind and body, strive for education in the School that I attend. Placing above all as the utmost in my desire to attain: Scholarship, School Loyalty, and Cleanliness of Sport.

That, in their fullest meanings I will accept the friendships offered both within and without the fraternal realm, without hesitancy, shame, or sham, and allow no discrimination to take place in the acceptance of such. I shall go out of my way to seek friends and though we may differ in expression of opinion, we will and shall unite to express the democratic way of life and pursuit of happiness.

That I accept all I have spoken above as the fullest expression of truth, and, on my honor shall preserve it. I shall further exemplify by precept and example, industry, and sobriety, esteem and shall inculcate nobility and courage of mind and heart and for such worthiness to attain I shall ever pray. May God continue to guide my youthful steps and make me worthy of fraternity and this world.

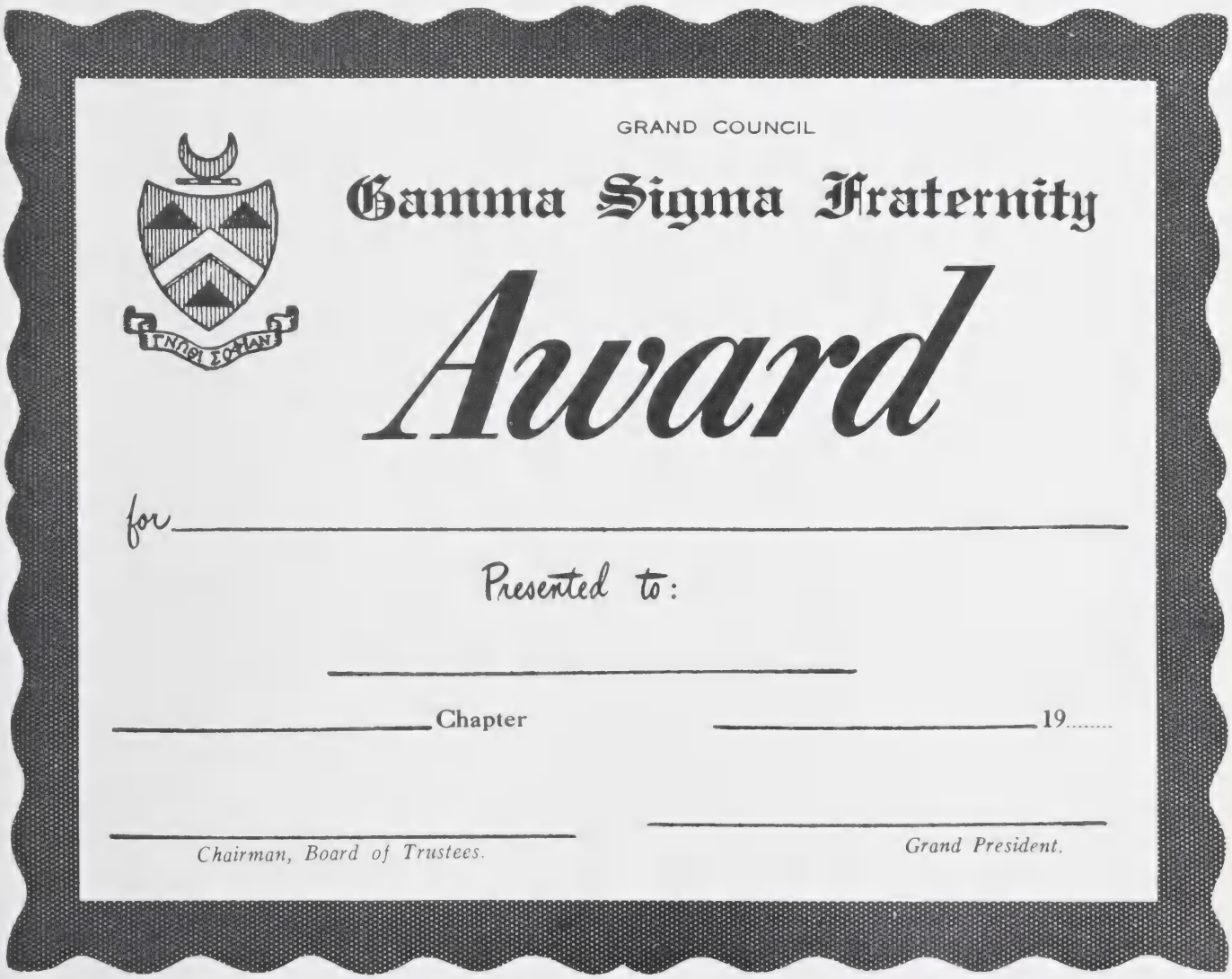
ROBERT M. WEIR, KAPPA

"School First—Then Your Fraternity"

Robert M. "Bibby" Weir, Kappa '31, was elected Grand President at the 81st Convocation in 1950 to become the first four-time Grand President in the history of the fraternity. He had first served for two terms from 1937 to 1939. He was re-elected in 1941 and served throughout the war years. There can be no doubt that Robert Weir was the greatest Gamma Sig that ever lived.

It was at this same convention that the Gamma Sigma fez made its re-appearance. The Certificate of Merit also made its first appearance at the 81st.

Certificate of Merit adopted at 81st Convocation.


GRAND COUNCIL

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

Award

for _____

Presented to:

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_____ Chapter _____ 19.....

_____ Chairman, Board of Trustees.

_____ Grand President.

In 1947, the members of the Alpha Zeta Chapter felt a need to devise some method whereby they could more rapidly educate their new members to the history and to the nature of their chapter and their fraternity. In an answer to this need, Frank E. Cooper and Jack Burnett, both of Alpha Zeta, published a booklet entitled *Introduction to Gamma Sigma*. The book became so popular that printing had to be taken over by the Grand Council.

It soon became evident that the booklet written specifically for Alpha Zeta Chapter was inadequate to serve as a manual for the whole fraternity. In 1952, an exclusive Gamma Sigma Manual was compiled and edited by Past Grand President Frank Cooper, Alpha Zeta '44, and James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50. The book was published by the Grand Council and distributed to all chapters.

The book was revised in 1954 under the name *Blue Book* by James R. Darrah, Grand President. The manual was reprinted in the late 1950's by the Gamma Beta Chapter of Cooksville, Ontario and illustrations by Robert W. Harding, Beta Zeta, were added. Because of its red cover, the manual became known as the *Red Manual*.

Frank E. Cooper, Jr., Alpha Zeta '44, (left) and James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50, co-authors of the original fraternity manual.

Grand President Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota '61, revised the book, now officially known as the *Red Manual*, in 1965. The book was distributed to all chapters at Easter of that same year and is the book in use today. According to legislation passed at the 99th Convocation in 1968, each new brother now receives a copy of this manual upon registration.

Although Beta Zeta Chapter had been established in Toronto in 1939, Gamma Sigma was truly introduced to the Toronto Area in the 1950's by Past Grand Presidents Frank Cooper, Alpha Zeta '44, and James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50. Of the twenty-four new chapters added to the rolls in the fifties, thirteen were chartered in suburban Toronto. A continued expansion program throughout the international fraternity took place and Gamma Sigma achieved her greatest strength to date.

James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50, Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota '49, and Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu '53, emerged as the most dynamic men of the decade. All three served as Grand President during the 1950's.

Through the efforts of Harold G. Dobson, Alpha '00, Grand Custodian of Gamma Sigma and Historian of the Village of Brockport, the McLean Room was opened in the Seymour Library in Brockport on October 11th, 1959. The dedication, presided over by Grand President Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu '53, marked the 90th anniversary of the fraternity. The room has become a most successful museum and thanks to the efforts of Brother Dobson, Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha '20, and Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha '28, many old photographs and documents are on display. Also kept at the museum is the collection of original fraternity pins. The room has been maintained to this day and has been visited by many young members of Gamma Sigma.

Two views of the McLean Room (above) and the Seymour Library (below) before the new wing was added.

Only two Canadian cities, Niagara Falls and Hamilton, had ever welcomed delegates to Annual Convocations prior to 1959. In that year, Toronto was given the sponsorship of the 90th convention and a new era was close at hand.

Fraternity strength had shifted to Canada by the mid-sixties and Toronto became the hub of fraternal activity. Two American brothers did, however, emerge as significant leaders early in the decade. Norman M. Landes of Beta Xi Chapter became the second three-time Grand President serving from 1958 to 1959 and again from 1960 to 1962. Edward L. Bevans, a dynamic leader in the late fifties, was re-elected for a third term as Grand President in 1962.

Gamma Sigma suffered a crushing blow in 1962 when Greek-letter organizations were challenged by a great surge of Anti-fraternity legislation in the United States and especially in the State of Maryland. Agitation of this sort had been witnessed during the two great wars but never on such a large scale.

Although plans were formulated to challenge the proclamation of the Baltimore County Board of Education, which barred all members of fraternities and sororities from extra-curricular activities, the case was never brought to court.

It was felt by Magistrate Johnstone L. Roberts, Alpha Kappa '32, Grand Attorney, that since Gamma Sigma seemed to be the only challenger of the undemocratic legislation and since a court battle with the State of Maryland would be extremely costly and time-consuming, the case should be dropped. On his recommendation, the Board of Trustees reversed the decision of the Convocation floor and the case was dropped in 1965. All remaining chapters in Baltimore and surrounding area were lost, and have remained dormant to this day.

The sixties were also years of triumph for Gamma Sigma. After years of holding second place, Gamma Sigma was awarded the Publications Award of the Inter-Fraternity Congress honouring *The Pyramid and Crescent.* The award, presented at the 17th Meeting of the Congress in 1962, acknowledged the superior effort and excellent achievement of Editor Robert Murch, Beta Upsilon '60.

On June 28th, 1962, a "Welcome to Brockport" sign was erected by the brothers of Gamma Mu Chapter of Fonthill, Ontario on West Avenue, a main highway leading into Brockport. The sign, welcomed by the residents of the village, had been built under the direction of Robert North, Gamma Mu '60, and his father George North, Gamma Mu '61. The sign was repaired in April of 1965 and still stands, marking the home of Gamma Sigma.

"Welcome to Brockport" sign — built, erected and maintained by Gamma Mu Chapter.

It is most difficult to record the 1960's as history. Much will be written about this decade, a most crucial ten years in the development of Gamma Sigma. These years saw the death of Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, and Harold G. Dobson, Alpha '00, two of the greatest Gamma Sigs that ever lived. The Old Rose and White returned to the scene and the Parent-Son Banquet made its first appearance. Thirty-five new chapters have been added to the rolls, the most rapid growth in the fraternity's history.

Two Grand Presidents, the youngest to ever assume leadership, have served two consecutive terms each. Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota '61, served from 1964 to 1966 and Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61, served from 1967 to 1969. Both these brothers, along with Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi '57, have been members of the Centennial Committee since its formation in January of 1965.

On October 11th, 1969, Gamma Sigma will celebrate her 100th anniversary. This is certainly a great accomplishment. It is a tribute to all those young men who have passed through her ranks. Gamma Sigma holds the distinction of being the oldest and the largest secondary school fraternity in existence today.

CHAPTER EIGHT

Chapters and Clubs

The chapters have always been the backbone of Gamma Sigma Fraternity. They are named according to the letters of the Greek alphabet, either by means of a single letter or a combination of two letters. The letter Omega was never used in the naming of chapters since it has always represented the 'end' or the 'finish'. The early members never conceived an end to the chapters of Gamma Sigma. The combination Gamma Sigma was never used either since confusion with the name of the fraternity would have resulted.

There have been one hundred and seventeen such chapters chartered since the chapter system was introduced in the fall of 1890.

It was at the June 5th, 1890 meeting of the Gamma Sigma Society that correspondence was received from a group of young men at the Rochester Free Academy in Rochester, New York, supposedly the Canoe Club of that school, suggesting that they become a "chapter" of the Society. A committee of three was established to investigate the possibilities of this second chapter. At the meeting of June 13th, 1890, another committee of three was sent to Rochester to visit with the group and further investigate the situation. Since the summer vacation was close at hand, the President of the Gamma Sigma Society, Augustus G. Southworth (April 20th, 1888), established, at the meeting of June 16th, a committee of five to "organize a chapter to be known as the 'Beta Chapter of Gamma Sigma' in the Rochester Free Academy" during the summer months.

The committee, under the chairmanship of President Southworth and composed of Benjamin George Estes, Edwin S. Webster, Thomas H. Armstrong, and David Cook, worked diligently throughout the summer months. Although the date August 25th, 1890 appears in much of the printed material of Gamma Sigma as the date on which Beta Chapter was installed, records and the minute book of the Gamma Sigma Society show that it did not, in fact, come into being until September 30th of the same year. Beta Chapter always enjoyed the distinction of never being chartered. Rather, it was formed by "permission" of the committee of five which had been established in June of 1890. The alumni of the Canoe Club were never admitted to Gamma Sigma.

Until March 10th, 1914, Beta flourished as one of the strong units of Gamma Sigma. At this time the Beta Chapter was forced to go inactive because of the sentiment created against Greek-letter high school fraternities by the First World War.

With the formation of Beta also came the formation of Alpha Chapter. Up until September 30th of 1890, Alpha had existed as the Gamma Sigma Society.

A photo of Alpha Brothers taken in the early 1890's just after the formation of Beta Chapter. (Fred H. Shafer, Alpha '91, appears in upper right corner).

In the developing of fraternity ideals, the work had been more or less centralized about old Alpha. The chapter at Brockport had been particularly fortunate in that it always had been allowed the privileges of the school building. It had, for most of its existence, its rooms in the school and had ever been the leading organization about which the various activities had centred. Its alumni had been the leaders in the school work and throughout the whole history of the Fraternity. Gamma Sigma seemed to have had an impressive effect not only upon its members but also upon the whole school itself.

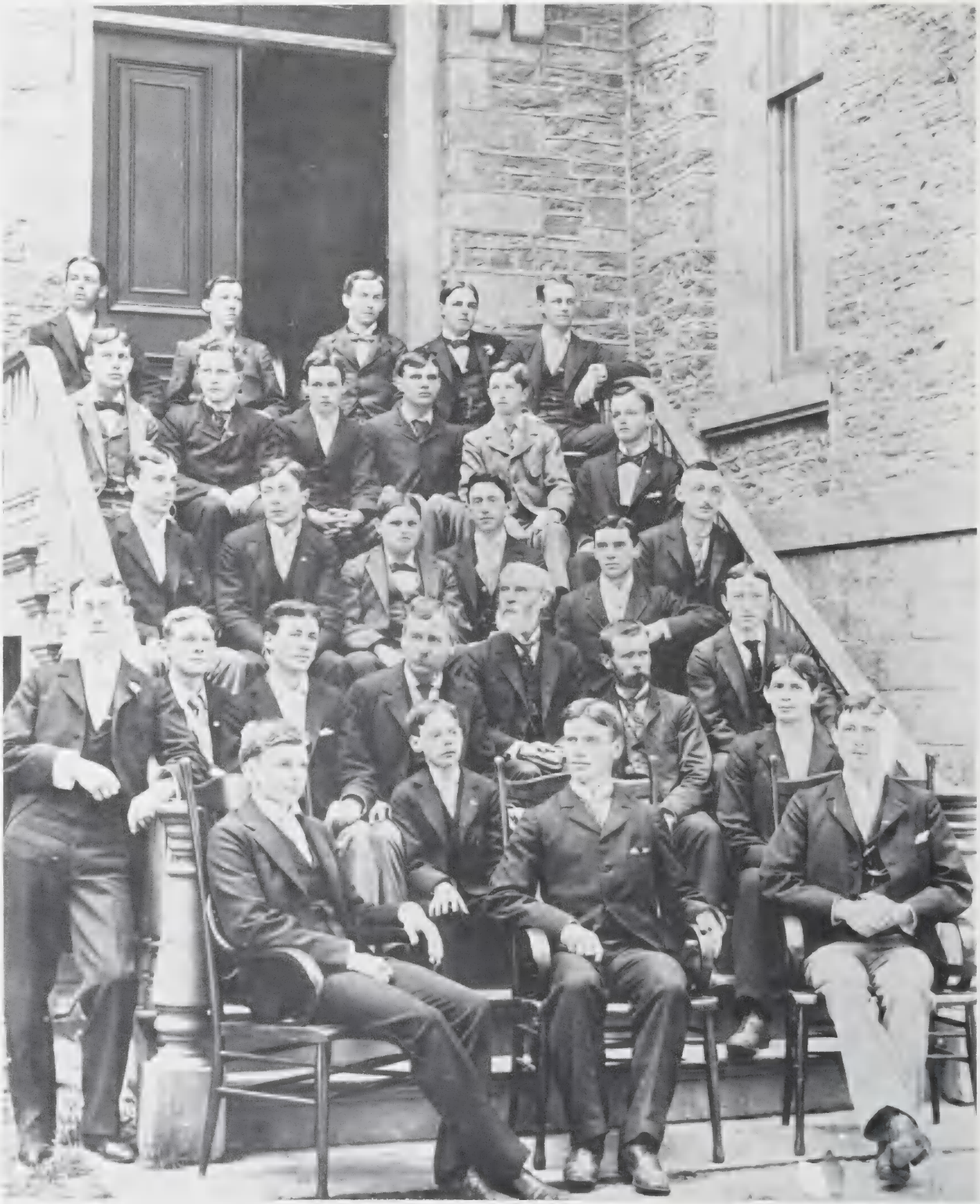
The Alpha Rooms in the Normal School, originally those of the Gamma Sigma Society, were burned on May 2nd, 1897. Through the generosity of Principal McLean, the rooms were repaired and refurnished.

In October of 1903, renovations were underway on the three floors of the main building of the school. The partitions were torn out of the old offices, the Alpha Rooms, and the library on the first floor and the dormitories above them. The fraternity rooms were temporarily established in another part of the school. However, in December of 1905, the school authorities made new permanent fraternity quarters available on the third floor. The chapter remained there until early 1930 when a chapter house was rented in the Village of Brockport.

The Alpha rooms were moved to this rented house in 1930.

Two views of the Alpha rooms established in 1930.

Alpha brothers on steps of Normal School in mid 1890's (Prof. McLean is in centre of Photo).



Gamma Sigma Fraternity

Alpha Chapter

Brockport, New York

Letterhead (above) and 1903 photo of Alpha Chapter (below).

The Annual June Ball was established in June of 1900. This gala event co-sponsored by the Alpha Chapter and the Arethusa Society, was part of the Annual Commencement Exercises of Brockport Normal. The Ball, held in the Old Normal Hall, was a tremendous success and was continued for many years as an annual function.

Back row: James E. Dunn '02, Prof. Jackson, Prof. McFarland, H. Merton Davis '01.
Third row: Harold G. Dobson '00, Edward S. Sheppard '99, John Droman '99, William Henry Irvine '00, Oakley Furney '02, Lewis A. Wilson, '03.
Second row: Albert D. Dysinger '99, F. Raymond Lewis '00, George Burns '00, Walter Robert Dean '02, Henry C. Herley '01, William Aslett '00, Harry S. Weaver '01.
Front row: Raymond P. Davis '00, Roy O. Benedict '99, Leon Loyal Winslow '02, James Francis Wallace '02, George A. Ward '00.

Alpha Brothers as seen in 1904

Back row: John L. Short '03, L. B. Shafer '04, Homer Swart '04, Leon Loyal Winslow '02, Lewis A. Wilson '03, Robert Gilliland '01, Grant L. Daily '01, Thomas E. Bassett '03, Raymond P. Davis '00.
Third row: Chester R. Sime '02, George Williams '04, Richard Garrison '04, Wyatt Hull '04, Walter Roberts '98, Raphael E. Whittle '03, Lewis W. Corbin '03, Harry Lane '04, James E. Dunn '04, Harold G. Dobson '00, Harrison White '04.
Second row: Roy O. Benedict '99, Elmer Grant Adams '03, Henry G. Herley '01, Prof. Charles Donald McLean '69, Oakley Furney '02, James Francis Wallace '02, Harry S. Weaver '00.
Front row: William J. Kelly '04, Edward H. Lamb '04, Joseph Lester '04, Kenneth Patten '04.

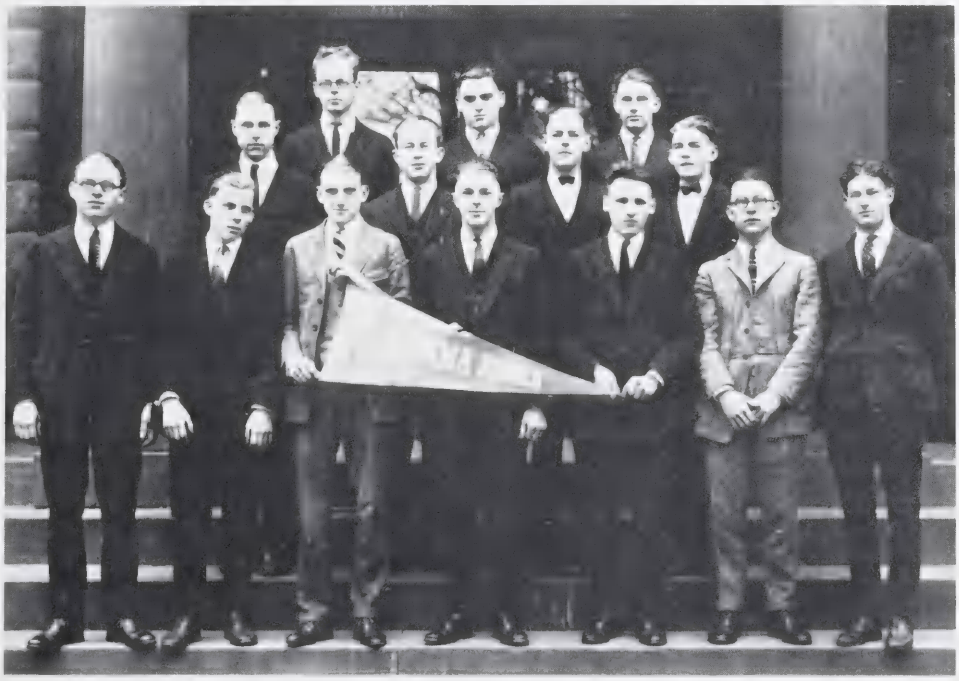
In the literary and social line of activities, Alpha always excelled. Literary work, being the real purpose for which the chapter was formed, had been carried on in one form or another ever since the first debate had taken place in October of 1869. This constant practice had its effect on the individual members. In the oratorical contests, previously carried on at the school, the victors were usually members of Gamma Sigma whose talent had been fostered and developed in the chapter rooms. In college life and, later, in business life, members of Alpha Chapter had invariably "made good". The early training had had its effect.

Alpha Chapter prospered until the summer of 1932, when it ceased to exist. It was a sad day, indeed, when the mother chapter of all Gamma Sigma chapters was no more.

Back: Richard Nye '20, Edward J. Corbett '19, James A. Martin '20, Wendell U. Curtis '20.
Middle: Chester W. Hovey '19, Bradley L. Flagg '20, Herbert A. Birrell '20, William H. Birrell '20.
Front: Harold V. Conkling '20, Forest B. Caton '14, Dever Tucker '20, Wilbur Ward Hiler '20, Edwin W. Walker '19.

Alpha Brothers in 1920 (above) and in 1923 (below)

Back: Robert M. Whipple '19, Edward J. Welch '23, Edgar H. Benedict '21.
Middle: Wilbur Ward Hiler '20, Edward J. Corbett '19, G. Herbert Lester '19, James A. Martin '20.
Front: J. Charles Ashworth '21, William W. Nichols '23, Norton H. Johnston '22, Wendell U. Curtis '20 (President), Frederick O. Nellis '23, Charles W. Upton '23, Charles Elliot '23.



In the early days, the fraternal relations between Alpha and Beta Chapters were so cordial and harmonious that delegates were soon sent to various places for the purpose of establishing other chapters.

As early as September 19th, 1890, a motion in the minute book of Alpha Chapter proposed that a "committee of three investigate the matter of having a Gamma Sigma Chapter in Geneseo, Buffalo, and Albany". When Beta was established on September 30th of that year, the two chapters set about the establishment of new chapters.

By December 5th, 1890, the committee reported favourably on Buffalo and Gamma Chapter was formed in the Buffalo State Normal School. The group remained here until February 28th, 1894 when it ceased to exist and the charter was surrendered. A body of ten young men from Central High School immediately petitioned for the charter and on April 2nd, 1894, a new Gamma Chapter was established in the Central, Masten Park, and Lafayette High Schools in Buffalo, New York.

It was now the practice that all established chapters sign a form granting a charter to new chapters. These permission forms were circulated by the Grand Council and all chapters had to sign before any charter was granted.

A charter was granted to Delta Chapter on December 21st, 1891 and the chapter was installed on January 11th, 1892 in the State Normal School at Courtland, New York. This chapter was formed from the Normal Debating Club which had been founded in 1870 by Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for the President of the United States in 1904. Under the arrangement made in granting the charter, approximately sixty alumni of the club were initiated into the Fraternity, including Parker and Past Grand Presidents Edward D. Blodgett and Charles H. White.

Early in the fall of 1892, Epsilon Chapter was formed in the Ithaca High School. This was the first time that members of Gamma Sigma had been drawn from high school rather than normal school.

On December 20th, 1893, Zeta Chapter was formed from the "Zetamathean Society" in the State Normal School at Geneseo, N.Y. This organization was established in 1892 and every alumnus of the society, except two, returned to Geneseo on different occasions and were received into Gamma Sigma.

Up to this time, the chapters had been confined to New York State. In the summer of 1894, Lucien E. Smith, Beta '95, organized a club of eleven students in the high school of Evanston, Illinois. Known as the "S. F. Club", the group petitioned for a charter and on November 24th, 1894, Eta Chapter was born, the first outside the State of New York.

Two years later, through the efforts of Eta Chapter, a petitioning body of six was formed in the Hyde Park High School of Chicago and Theta Chapter was installed on May 19th, 1896.

The Iota Chapter was next installed in the high school of Lockport, New York, on March 11th, 1898.

Chapters of Gamma Sigma were located in two States and now a chapter was established in a new State, this time to the east of New York. Albert W. Chase, Eta '99, was instrumental in forming Kappa Chapter at Malden High School, Malden, Massachusetts, with nine members, on May 26th, 1899.

On June 2nd of the same year, Lambda Chapter was established in the high school of Oak Park, Illinois.

In 1900, a connecting link between New York and Illinois was attempted and on March 9th, Mu Chapter was installed in the Central High School and University Schools of Cleveland, Ohio. Due to the lack of supervision, the chapter fell below the standard and in 1903, the charter was withdrawn.

Through the efforts of Perry M. Shepard, Theta, Grand President in the 1902 - 1903 fraternal year, another chapter was planted in New York State. Nu Chapter was established at the Geneva High School on June 1st, 1901. Shepard was residing at his family's home at the time.

Six seniors attending the Newton High School in Newton, Massachusetts petitioned for a charter and the Xi Chapter was established on April 4th, 1903.

Kappa Chapter Letterhead.

GAMMA SIGMA FRATERNITY

KAPPA CHAPTER

ESTABLISHED 1899

MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL
Malden, Massachusetts

TO THE PRESIDENT TRUSTEES AND BROTHERS OF THE
FRATERNITY OF GAMMA SIGMA.

GREETING: —

Pursuant to your Constitution and By-Law we, who are subscribed here to, undergraduates and students in the MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL at MALDEN MASS. do respectfully petition that we be admitted to your fellowship and organize as a Chapter of the Fraternity of Gamma Sigma and we do pledge ourselves, our associates, and successors to the true and faithful keeping of your Constitution and By-Laws and the ordinance of your Convocation.

And for such relief we will ever pray:

	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	CLASS.	
1.	Albert W. Chase.	37 Maple St.	'99	1
2.	Carl S. Flanders.	96 Hawthorne St.	1900	1
3.	Walter B. Howe.	19 Beltran St.	P.G. '98	2
4.	F. Austin Clapp.	126 Dexter St.	1900	18
5.	Howard N. Flanders.	291 Clifton St.	'99	2
6.	Rawson W. Healy.	17 Prescott St.	1900	18
7.	J. Willard Rice.	606 Main St.	'99	2
8.	L. Wilton Hill.	36 Ferry St.	'99	
9.	R. A. Perkins.	11 Phillips St.	'99	
10.	Wm. H. Keen.	67 Newhall St.	1901	

Issued from the office and under the Great Seal of the Grand Recording Secretary of 12 this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred, ninety nine and of the Fraternity the [illegible].

Frank Clark Brown.
Grand Pres. Fraternity G. Sigma.

GREAT SEAL.

Charles G. Reitz
Grand Recording Secretary.
Fraternity Gamma Sigma.

Original Petition-to-Charter from Kappa minute book.

Tau Chapter in 1929
(Past Grand President James Garrigus, Gamma '27, is third from left in second row).

About the same time, a petition from several high schools in Syracuse, New York was favourably received and Omicron Chapter was installed on May 5th, 1903. This induction came about through the efforts of Lloyd E. Brown, Gamma '01, the first editor of *The Pyramid and Crescent.*

The new University High School, Chicago, Illinois, was formed by a combination in 1903 of two former schools. W. H. McKillip, Theta '04, and S. G. Miller, Theta '05, together with three "pledges", applied for a charter. Before the charter had been granted, two more "pledges" were secured and the seven were installed as the Pi Chapter on May 19th, 1904.

Rho Chapter was established on March 30th, 1904 in the high school at Niagara Falls, New York. Although installed before Pi Chapter, Rho did not receive a charter until after that of Pi Chapter had been granted.

A club known as the "Young Men's Club of Hornellsville High School" was founded in October, 1904 and applied for a charter in December of that year. Sigma Chapter was installed in Hornellsville, N.Y. on April 29th, 1905. The name of the town was officially changed to Hornell about a year later.

In November of 1904, a local secret society known as the Upsilon Sigma Pi was founded in the Classical, South, and English High Schools of Worcester, Massachusetts. Tau Chapter was formed from this society on February 2nd, 1906 by admitting the entire active chapter but not the alumni. The chapter remained active until 1960 when it disbanded.

Upsilon Chapter was formed from the Kappa Sigma Tau Fraternity which was established on March 2nd, 1905 in the high schools of Omaha, Nebraska. All the members were accepted as Upsilon Chapter on September 15th, 1906.

Phi Chapter was established on June 1st, 1907 in the Classical, Technical, and Hope Street High Schools of Providence, Rhode Island. This chapter was formed by absorbing the Delta Kappa Fraternity, originally formed in 1900.

Chi Chapter was installed in the Central High and University Schools of Detroit, Michigan on September 28th, 1907. The chapter was formed from the "Gamma Sigma Society", familiarly known as the "Bunk", and formerly a sort of "pledging club" to Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity, from which it had separated in January of 1907.

Psi was the next chapter to be added to the rolls in the spring of 1913, the first in six years. It was formed from the Phi Delta Upsilon, a local fraternity of Columbus, Ohio and membership was drawn from East and North High Schools.

Through the efforts of Robert Bushby, Nu, Alpha Alpha Chapter was established in the Central, South Side, and Barringer High Schools of Newark, New Jersey in 1915.

A year later, Alpha Beta Chapter was installed in the high schools of Washington, D.C.

The declaration of war in the spring of 1917 had a marked effect on the subordinate chapters of Gamma Sigma. Several chapters proudly recorded that the entire active membership enlisted while the others boasted a majority in uniform.

As a result of these circumstances, the national organization was completely disrupted and the majority of the chapters ceased to function. When the armistice was signed and the war was over, Gamma Sigma was in sad state. Only seven or eight of the twenty-five chapters remained active and these were widely separated and entirely out of touch with one another. The members composing these chapters were new men without previous fraternity experience. As far as available records show, these chapters were Alpha of Brockport, New York, Gamma of Buffalo, New York, Kappa of Malden, Massachusetts, Omicron of Syracuse, New York, Psi of Columbus, Ohio, Alpha Alpha of Newark, New Jersey, Alpha Beta of Washington, D.C., and perhaps Tau of Worcester, Massachusetts.

The boys of Alpha Zeta as they appeared in the late 1940's

Back: Paul Coulson, Russell McBride, Robert Ward, Donald Woodruff, George Hess, Henry Swain, Douglas Nightingale, Norman Hawley, William Baird.
Middle: Ted McQuade, Jack Burnett, Frank Cooper (President), Neil Geisenhoff, Gordon Lizmore, James Nicks.
Front: Albert Naslund, Donald O'Laughlin, George Biggs, Donald Wiley.

In spite of all obstacles, the recovery was gradually completed. Alpha Gamma was the first post-war chapter to be installed. The charter was issued on June 11th, 1923 to a group of young men attending the Amsterdam High School in Amsterdam, New York.

Alpha Delta Chapter was awarded a charter to operate in Kenmore, N.Y., when six young men petitioned in February of 1926. Their induction was held on March 3rd, 1926. Earl Ruckman, one of the charter members, formed an orchestra which became known throughout Western New York as the Gamma Sigma Band. The chapter became inactive during the war but was rechartered, through the efforts of Alpha Kappa Chapter of Stamford, at Cleveland Hill High School in Buffalo, N.Y. on February 27th, 1954. Past Grand President Frank E. Cooper, Alpha Zeta '44, and Grand President James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50, presided at the chartering.

A petition was received from a group in Quincy, Massachusetts in the late spring of 1926 but a charter was not granted to Alpha Epsilon Chapter until the 10th of January, 1927.

One of the greatest milestones in the history of Gamma Sigma Fraternity took place on December 11th, 1927. This was the charter date for Alpha Zeta Chapter at the Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute in Niagara Falls, Ontario. It was the founding of Alpha Zeta that made Gamma Sigma the first international fraternity in the world at a secondary school level. The chapter was admitted upon the petition from Nu Di Gamma Gamma Fraternity, a local club in the Collegiate. Alpha Zeta has enjoyed a record of achievements with its unusual number of Grand Council Officers and its numerous sponsorship of Annual Convocations. The chapter is still very active and an Annual Anniversary Banquet is held each year to mark the beginning of the international fraternity.

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1936-1937 Letterhead of Beta Chapter.

John Hancock, an active member of Rho Chapter when his family moved to Chicago, promoted a chapter at Bowen High School in that city. The charter for the chapter was granted before that of Alpha Zeta and Alpha Eta was installed on February 4th, 1927.

During April of 1927, a local fraternity was formed in Rochester, N.Y. at John Marshall High School, under the name of Alpha Gamma Sigma. This group petitioned Gamma Sigma for admittance to the international order and on Friday, October 26th, 1928, about forty members met in the Alpha Chapter rooms at Brockport for the rechartering of Beta Chapter. The installation was presided over by Grand President William G. Kennedy, Omicron '23, and a birthday cake was cut by Past Grand President Robert S. Terhune, Rho.

Beta became inactive during the war but was re-chartered on October 13th, 1950 through the efforts of the Beta Alumni Club under the direction of Past Grand President Albert G. Frank, Beta '32, and Wesley T. Wooden, Beta '32. A warm welcome was extended to the new group by Elmer Snyder, Beta, the Principal of John Marshall High School.

Alpha Theta Chapter was chartered on September 29th, 1929 in Lima, Ohio through the efforts of James E. Garrigus, Gamma '27, Grand-President during the 1930-1931 fraternal year. He had moved to Lima with his family. The installation was presided over by the Grand President, Robert S. Terhune, Rho.

Records are not available as to the chartering date of Alpha Iota Chapter in Chicago, Illinois. However, the chartering did occur in 1929.

Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27, was directly responsible for founding Alpha Kappa Chapter. While coaching the football team of Stamford Collegiate Institute in Stamford, Ontario, Peckham sold them the idea of fraternity and, as a result, almost all of the men on the team pledged Gamma Sigma. On April 21st, 1930, they were duly installed and still exist as an active Canadian chapter. Brother Peckham was the Chairman of the Committee on Chapters at that time.

INSTALLATION OF BETA CHAPTER HERE OCT. 26

William Kennedy, Grand President of Gamma Sigma, To Be In Charge Of Installation. Interesting Program Of Events Planned. Fraternity Dance Is Scheduled.

William Kennedy

has been [illegible] Chapter will take place at the apartment in Market street of Alpha Chapter after which all will [illegible] given by Alpha Delta Sorority of the Brockport Normal School. [illegible] noon a luncheon will be given by the Arethusa Sorority for the [illegible] followed in the evening by a formal dance and banquet given jointly by [illegible]: Harlow White, Miss Dorothy [illegible] James MacDiarmid, Miss Theresa MacMaria, Earl Holbrook, Miss Genevieve Remington, Frederick Rudman, Miss [illegible] Goolde. The party was chaperoned by two passive brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Hull and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heinrich. Plans are being made for many more similar parties to take place at the apartment.

Newspaper clipping announces re-chartering of Beta Chapter

When Alpha Lambda Chapter was chartered at Bennett High School in Buffalo, New York on September 29th, 1930 through the efforts of Gamma Chapter, a history-making team was created. The two groups were probably Gamma Sigma's greatest dance promoters. These chapters gave Buffalo dance crowds their first taste of 'name bands'. Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Ina Ray Hutton, and others were featured. The name Gamma Sigma became famous and the local chapters prospered.

Alpha Mu Chapter was installed on October 15th, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois.

A third Canadian chapter was added on August 14th, 1930 with the granting of a charter to Alpha Nu. The chapter, located at Central Collegiate, absorbed Sigma Phi Sigma Fraternity and two clubs known as Y.H. and O.S. The group was a result of the diligent efforts of Garner A. Havers, Alpha Delta '27, who became a member of Alpha Nu, Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27, and Thomas O. Oliver, Alpha Zeta '27.

Original Charter of Alpha Nu Chapter, Hamilton, Ontario.

The President, Trustees and Brothers of Gamma Sigma Fraternity:

To

Frank Burns	John Hickey	Barney Nicholson	Ralph Wickett
Edward Burrow Jr.	Archie Lickie	Jack Ostler	Jack White
Edward Dore	Ramsey Lee	Albert Pain	Arthur White Jr.
Jack Henderson	Murray McLachlin	Charles Ross	Gordon Winfield

Greeting:

Pursuant to our Constitution and By-Laws and in accordance with the powers and duties in us delegated and vested we have and by these presents do create you and your associates and successors duly elected to your body a Chapter of

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

to be organized and have existence so long as you and they shall well and truly keep and render obedience unto our Constitution and its By-Laws and the Ordinances of our Convocations to the observance of which you have already pledged yourselves.

Your body shall be known in our Fraternity as the Alpha Nu Chapter thereof and shall have existence in the academic institution in which you are undergraduates and students, known as the Hamilton Central Collegiate Institute in the State of Ontario

By receiving this Charter you have renewed for yourselves and your successors in all time the solemn pledges given in your petition and upon your initiation. You have submitted yourselves to the jurisdiction of our Fraternity in all matters pertaining thereunto. You shall, by proper reference in your Chapter Constitution, recognize and adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of our Fraternity.

Its proceedings, rites and ceremonies you shall forever keep inviolate.

In Testimony of your Brotherhood, we, the President and Recording Secretary of GAMMA SIGMA FRATERNITY have hereunto set our hands and affixed its Great Seal this Fourteenth day of August in the Sixty-first year of our Fraternity and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty

Robert S. Teehune
Grand President

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Recording Secretary

Edward C Peckham
Chairman Committee on Chapters

On December 10th, 1930, Alpha Xi Chapter was installed by Frederick E. Rudman, Alpha '27, in Birmingham, Alabama. This was the first chapter ever to be chartered in the State of Alabama. Brother Rudman, Chairman of the Committee on Chapters, was ably assisted by First Grand Vice-President William B. Hales and Archie Leach, both of Alpha Beta. The chapter consisted of eleven charter members.

Alpha Omicron Chapter was chartered at the Washington-Lee High School in Cherrydale, Virginia, a suburb of Arlington, on January 26th, 1931. Another state now had a chapter of Gamma Sigma Fraternity. The chapter did survive the war only to be lost in September of 1959 due to anti-fraternity agitation.

Alpha Pi's charter was granted earlier than that of Alpha Omicron but the chapter was installed on January 21st, 1931 in Baltimore, Maryland. Alpha Pi was the first of many chapters to be installed in the State of Maryland.

Following two months of persistent effort by James E. Kirk, Alpha Eta, Grand President Garner A. Havers, now a member of Alpha Nu Chapter, travelled to Chicago and installed Alpha Rho Chapter on December 5th, 1931. Seventy-five members were present at the ceremony of this Parker High School group at the Del Pado Hotel.

Available records are very sparse on the chartering of the chapters installed in the year 1932. However, the dates and information that has been printed here is accurate in all respects.

Gamma Sigma To Charter Chapter

At the forthcoming 84th international convocation of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity this August 26, 27, 28, 29, a new chapter will be chartered from St. Catharines, Ontario. Many local alumni will recall that this chapter was active during the thirties but as many groups died a patriotic but immature death when nearly all the active members enlisted in the early part of the war.

The new group is to be rechartered under its old name of Alpha Sigma chapter and the induction ceremony will take place on the first day of convocation after the supper and civic welcome at the Eddie Rex Restaurant on August 26th. Many of the Alpha Sigma old boys have been contacted and plan to be in attendance and assist the chapter with its re-organizational program. A group of eleven senior students from St. Catharines' Collegiate will compose the charter roll.

In December of 1931, a group of eight young men were installed at the St. Catharines Collegiate and Vocational School as the Alpha Sigma Chapter. This was the fourth Canadian chapter. The chapter survived until the late 1930's before becoming inactive. A successful effort to recharter the group materialized on May 30th, 1940 but it was again lost during the war. The chapter was rechartered again on August 26th, 1953, the first day of the 84th Convocation. Grand President James Darrah and Past Grand President Frank Cooper presided at the chartering. The chapter prospers today in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Early in 1932, Alpha Tau Chapter was formed in Detroit, Michigan through the efforts of Jack A. Striker, Gamma. The records are extremely sketchy on the chartering of Alpha Tau Chapter. However, the chapter was not too long in existence.

In 1932, sponsored by Alpha Beta Chapter, a second Washington, D.C. chapter, Alpha Upsilon, was chartered.

A group of spirited young men at Riverside High School in Buffalo, N.Y. met with Gamma Chapter on the invitation of brothers attending that school. Voted to pledgeship, chapter officers petitioned the new brothers to form a chapter at their school. The charter was granted to Alpha Phi on October 19th, 1932.

Alpha Chi Chapter was chartered in Baltimore, Maryland in 1932. However, the chapter was passive by 1940 due to the war. On January 10th, 1953, the chapter was rechartered. The ceremony was conducted at Beta Iota's fraternity house by Grand President Donald C. Crounse, Alpha Omicron '48.

Robert Denzler, an officer in the active Gamma Chapter, moved to Wilmington, Delaware during the summer months of 1932. It was not long before a petition was received by the Grand Council for a group he organized as a chapter. This was Alpha Psi, which was chartered on November 3rd, 1932 at the Wilmington High School and installed on November 19th, 1932. Five brothers conducted the ceremony. The chapter did become inactive during the war.

Gamma Chapter was responsible for the founding of Alpha Omega Chapter in Snyder, New York in December of 1932. The charter was transferred to Eggertsville, N.Y. but the chapter was expelled in 1960 because of outstanding back taxes.

Alpha Psi Letterhead

RICHARD CLARK, PRESIDENT
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Alpha Psi Chapter

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1933 Photo of Alpha Psi of Wilmington, Delaware

Back: Willard Hendrick (charter), Orville Dunn, Charles Weatherby, Joseph Alexander, Earl Mitchell, Robert Taggart, Victor Clarke (charter), Elmer Nichols.

Front: Robert Denzler (founder), Leslie Long, Thomas Smith (charter), Stedman Hines (charter), Samuel Arnold, Richard Lloyd, Alfred Hirzel (charter), Harry Hughes (charter).

Alpha-Psi Chapter

Basketball Champions

1936-1937

Back: Richard Lloyd, Robert Slaughter, Alfred Bent, Robert Meli.
Front: Franklin Murphy, Frank Halloran, Jack Stillwell, Robert Stewart, John Sullivan.

From 1932 until June of 1935, only one chapter was added to the rolls of Gamma Sigma. A charter was granted to Beta Alpha Chapter, located in Santa Ana, California, but, although William Schaefer worked diligently to organize the group, anti-fraternity agitation and lack of communication with the international organization in the east made the chapter dormant by 1938. The chapter was located at Santa Ana Junior College.

Charles Willard Hendrick, Alpha Psi '32, influenced a club known as the Hi Hatters to become a chapter of Gamma Sigma. Receiving a charter on June 18th, 1935, Beta Beta became the second Wilmington, Delaware chapter and was located in DuPont High School.

The international organization established the fiftieth chapter, Beta Gamma, on January 3rd, 1936 in Ft. Erie, Ontario. Grand President Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27, installed the group at the Mather Arms Hotel.

The State of Florida was the location of Gamma Sigma's next chapter on April 6th, 1936. As a result of the efforts of Edward Peckham and Chairman of the Board Harrison Greenwood of Omicron, a charter was granted to Beta Delta Chapter in St. Petersburg. The group had been known as the Ty-Zon Club.

In the beautiful country city of East Aurora, N.Y., a man told his son about the many pleasant memories he had during his high school years as a member of Gamma Sigma Fraternity. The teenage student told his brothers in Sigma Xi Kappa, a fraternity founded on April 27th, 1932, about the fraternity and their enthusiasm caused them to petition the 1936 Grand Council. On January 30th, 1937, Beta Epsilon was chartered in the East Aurora High School.

Beta Zeta Chapter was chartered at Runnymede Collegiate in Toronto, Ontario in 1939. This was the first chapter to be installed in Toronto. When the Second World War started, eight active brothers enlisted in the armed services and the chapter became inactive in March of 1940.

The chapter was rechartered on December 28th, 1950. The illustrious induction team was made up of Past Grand President Frank E. Cooper, Past First Grand Vice-President Jack Burnett, third Grand Vice-President Edward McQuade, L. Patrick Ryan, Matt Merstorff, and Russ McBride, all of Alpha Zeta Chapter. For the first time in her history, Gamma Sigma now had a college chapter. Members for the new Beta Zeta were to be drawn from the University of Toronto and Ryerson Institute of Technology. The chapter became dormant soon after its rechartering.

Beta Zeta Re-Chartering — December 28, 1950

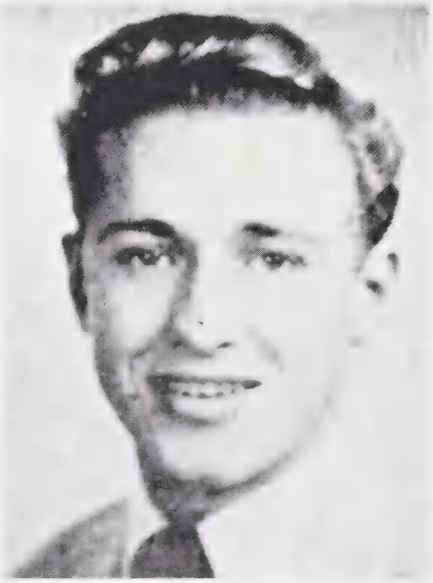
Back: Beta Zeta Charter Members; Norman McGirr, James Darrah, William O'Heany, Gene O'Keefe, Richard Nero, Ronald Erhardt, John Pivarniyik, Howard Good, George Little.

Front: Induction Team; Past Grand President Frank Cooper, Third Grand Vice-President Edward McQuade, L. Patrick Ryan, Matt Merstorf, Past First Grand Vice-President Jack Burnett, Russ McBride.

On December 10th, 1939, Beta Eta Chapter of the Technical High School in Buffalo, N.Y. was welcomed into Gamma Sigma. This chapter became a member of the 1940 Convocation Committee but when war struck, Beta Eta was lost.

Beta Theta, the 55th chapter of the fraternity, was duly and impressively installed on April 29th, 1940 in the Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore, Maryland. Past Grand President Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, and Grand Secretary Norman C. Dodge, Kappa, were present in Maryland for the chartering. The chapter which drew its membership from Forest Park High School, was to distinguish itself during World War Two as Gamma Sigma's outstanding chapter.

Beta Iota, Beta Kappa, and Beta Lambda are historically Gamma Sigma's only chapters founded during the years of World War Two. Beta Theta Chapter, under the Presidency of A. Raymond Bevans '41, was directly responsible for their inception. The three groups carried on actively during the war years although none of them actually received an official charter until the spring of 1945 when the Grand Council once more became fully active.



A. Raymond Bevans, Beta Theta '41.

With Tad Weiman as Presiding Officer, Beta Iota was chartered at Baltimore Polytechnic School on June 18th, 1942. The charter was lost but reactivated on March 3rd, 1956 through the efforts of the Baltimore Alumni Club.

On January 8th, 1944, Beta Kappa was founded at City College School in Baltimore through the recommendation of the President of Beta Theta, A. Raymond Bevans.

Students at Towson High School in Baltimore formed a group which was granted a charter as Beta Lambda Chapter in February of 1946. The chapter went passive during the fifties but the charter was re-issued on January 8th, 1961 to Beta Gamma Delta, a local fraternity founded on September 25th, 1960. The charter was revoked in 1964.

Many chapters that had gone passive during the war were reactivated between 1946 and 1951. No new chapters were added during that time.

Through the efforts of Omicron Chapter, Beta Mu Chapter was chartered on May 21st, 1951 in Baldwinsville, New York, a small town about twenty miles south of Syracuse. Sixteen members signed the charter. Beta Mu has remained most active and is a strong supporter of Gamma Sigma to this day.

On May 2nd, 1952, Beta Nu Chapter was chartered at the Mimico High School in Mimico, Ontario through the efforts of the Beta Zeta Alumni. Past Grand President Frank Cooper presided over the induction. James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50, became the chapter advisor. Under the leadership of Brian O'Heany, Beta Nu quickly took root and flourished and, by 1954, was one of the fraternity's finest chapters.

Under the sponsorship of Beta Nu Chapter, Beta Zeta was rechartered on December 28th, 1953. Grand Marshall and President of Beta Nu, Brian O'Heany, and Past Grand President Frank Cooper, were in charge of the installation. The chapter was to draw membership from Oakwood Collegiate and Vaughan Road Collegiate. However, the charter was transferred entirely to Vaughan Road on April 23rd, 1954 and has remained there to this day.

On March 7th, 1954, in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, Alpha Chi Chapter sponsored the sixty-first chapter of Gamma Sigma under the name of Beta Xi. Membership was drawn from Catonsville, Poly, and City High Schools.

The induction of Beta Omicron and Beta Pi Chapters took place on April 23rd, 1954 and marked the first time in the long history of Gamma Sigma that two chapters had been inducted simultaneously. The chartering was sponsored by Beta Nu Chapter. Beta Omicron was to draw its membership from Etobicoke Collegiate in Etobicoke, Ontario and Beta Pi was located at New Toronto Secondary School in New Toronto, Ontario.

Chartering of Beta Nu — May 2nd, 1952

Back: Norman Vollick, President of Azak Alumni Club; Frank Cooper, Past Grand President; Brian O'Heany, President of Beta Nu; George Hamilton, Alpha Zeta Chapter Advisor; Edward McQuade, Past Grand Vice-President.

Front: Paul Sullivan; Terry O'Heany, Vice-President of Beta Zeta; William O'Heany, President of Beta Zeta; Rod Stewart, President of Alpha Zeta; David Gallen, President of Alpha Kappa.

Chartering of
Beta Sigma Chapter
87th Convocation

L. to r.: Jerry Howell, Treasurer of Beta Sigma; Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota '49, Grand President elect; Clyde A. Fawcett, Jr., President of Beta Sigma; James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50, Grand President.

Twelve young men attending Notre Dame College School in Welland, Ontario became charter members of Beta Rho Chapter on January 30th, 1955. The chartering highlighted the Second Northern Zone Rally and was held at the King Edward Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Alpha Kappa sponsored the group and Grand President James R. Darrah addressed the gathering. The charter was withdrawn in 1956 for chapter misconduct. However, the charter was re-issued on May 3rd, 1958 to a group from Buffalo, N.Y. Beta Zeta Chapter inducted the new members in Toronto.

Beta Sigma Chapter of Mobile, Alabama was granted a charter on August 24th, 1956 at the 87th Convocation held in Baltimore, Maryland. The induction climaxed a year of activity and was a tribute to the efforts of the first President of Beta Sigma, Clyde Fawcett, Jr. Unable to keep pledges, the chapter became inactive in 1959.

A dual installation of new chapters took place on November 17th, 1956 at the Park Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario under the sponsorship of Alpha Zeta Chapter. Past Grand President James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50 chaired the meeting. Beta Tau was chartered at the Niagara District High School in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. Past Grand President Frank Cooper, a teacher at the school, took on the task of advisor to the chapter, a position he held for nearly ten years.

Under a procedure that allowed the transfer of a charter from one location to another, the dormant Alpha Psi charter was issued to a local Hi-Y Club at A. N. Meyer Collegiate in Niagara Falls, Ontario. During the induction ceremony, two alumni presented membership cards to their sons, both members of Alpha Psi Chapter. Past Grand Treasurer Gordon Frost of Alpha Zeta welcomed his son David and Walter Wade of Alpha Kappa welcomed his son Gordon.

Two-Chapter Induction

GAMMA SIGMA FRATERNITY representatives from Canada and the United States were present Saturday for a two-chapter induction ceremony at the Park Hotel. Alpha Psi Chapter of this city originally a Hi-Y Club, and the new Beta Tau Chapter from Niagara District High School were made members of Gamma Sigma Fraternity International. Among those present at the ceremony were, above left to right: James R. Darrah, St. Thomas, Ont., chairman of the board of trustees who chaired the meeting; Allan Bell, Niagara Zone supervisor; Morley Kells, Toronto, northern grand vice-president; Edward L. Bevans, Baltimore, Maryland, International president of the Fraternity; John C. Thomas, orator this city, Alpha Zeta Alumni, guest speaker who has recently returned from a year's tour of Europe; and Frank Cooper, teacher at NDHS, Niagara-on-the-Lake and member of the board of trustees.

(Review Photo by Bob McWilliams)

Newspaper clipping proclaims chartering of Alpha Psi and Beta Tau.

1959 Photo of Beta Tau Chapter.

On December 29th, 1956, the fraternity welcomed two new chapters into the fold. Beta Upsilon was chartered at Royal York Collegiate in Etobicoke, Ontario and Beta Phi was chartered at Alderwood Collegiate in Alderwood, Ontario. Beta Nu was credited with the sponsorship and Past N.G.V.P.O. Brian O'Heany, Beta Nu, addressed the gathering at the Seaway Hotel in Toronto.

For the first time in the fraternity's history, a Canadian chapter was responsible for the chartering of an American group. Representatives from Rho, Beta Pi, and Beta Tau Chapters attended the ceremonies at the Park Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario as Alpha Psi Chapter chartered Beta Chi Chapter from Lewiston, N.Y. on January 19th, 1957. Fourteen young men from Lewiston-Porter High School took the oath and listened to Past Grand President Frank Cooper speak. The chapter became dormant in 1960 but became more active in 1966.

On March 9th, 1957, in the Southern Hotel, located in the heart of the bustling city of Baltimore, Maryland, enthusiastic Gamma Sigs gathered to participate in the chartering ceremonies of Beta Psi and Beta Omega Chapters. Alpha Chi and Beta Iota were the sponsoring chapters.

The new chapters were granted Gamma Sigma privileges as a result of the efforts of Elmore Evans of Alpha Chi Chapter. Induction ceremonies were conducted by Alpha Chi under the direction of President Charles L. Allen and an inspiring address was delivered to the assembled brothers by Grand President Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota '49.

Beta Psi Chapter, drawing membership from Catonsville High School, formerly operated under the name of Phi Nu Omega. Beta Omega Chapter, drawing its membership from McDonogh Military of Baltimore, was known as Kappa Beta Phi.

Chartering of Beta Psi and Beta Omega

L. to r.: Charles L. Allen, President of Alpha Chi; Millard P. Eppig, Alpha Chi, S.G.V.P.O.; President of Beta Iota (name unknown); Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi; Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota, Grand President; Richard Rothenburg, President of Beta Psi; Edward Elgin, President of Beta Omega; Elmore Evans, Alpha Chi, Regional Director.

Brothers Bruce Campbell and William Underdown of Beta Omicron were responsible for the chartering of Gamma Alpha Chapter on March 30th, 1957. Chartering ceremonies were held under the direction of N.G.V.P.O. Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu '53, and Regional Director Stu Teal, Beta Nu. Gamma Alpha drew its membership from Burnhamthorpe Collegiate in Etobicoke, Ontario as it still does today.

Beta Pi Chapter of New Toronto was responsible for the chartering of the Gamma Beta Chapter on April 7th, 1957 in Cooksville, Ontario. The chapter continues to draw its membership from Thomas L. Kennedy High School.

Gamma Gamma Chapter was established at LaSalle High School in LaSalle, N.Y. during April of 1957. The chapter was expelled soon after because of poor pledge periods. The chapter operated locally until March of 1969 when it again sought international recognition.

Ten young men formed the nucleus of the Gamma Delta Chapter which was chartered at Earl Haig Collegiate in Willowdale, Ontario on May 26th, 1957.

A dual induction on November 22nd, 1958 resulted in the chartering of Gamma Epsilon Chapter from Richview Collegiate in Etobicoke, Ontario and Gamma Zeta Chapter in Toronto, Ontario. The new chapters were sponsored by Beta Omicron and Beta Nu Chapters respectively.

Gamma Zeta was expelled in 1967 for poor pledging practices by Grand President Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61. However, the chapter was reinstalled on November 17th, 1968.

Very little information is available on the chartering of Gamma Eta Chapter in Niagara Falls, New York during November of 1958.

Several young men from Parkville, Maryland petitioned Gamma Sigma through Beta Psi Chapter in May of 1959. Under the leadership of William A. Redmond, Gamma Theta Chapter was chartered on July 18th, 1959.

Three new charters, Gamma Iota, Gamma Kappa, and Gamma Lambda, were granted on December 5th, 1959, marking the first tri-chapter chartering in the history of Gamma Sigma. The ceremonies were conducted by Toronto District Council in Toronto with Thomas O. Oliver, Alpha Zeta '27, addressing the group.

Gamma Iota, sponsored by Beta Zeta Chapter, was chartered at Weston Collegiate and Vocational School in Weston, Ontario.

David Elliott, Beta Tau, moved to Burlington where he attended Burlington Central High School. He interested a group of young men at the school and Beta Tau sponsored the group for charter. Gamma Kappa has been responsible for the spread of Gamma Sigma in the Burlington Area and was responsible for the re-establishment of the fraternity in Hamilton in 1968.

Beta Zeta also sponsored the eight men from West Hill Collegiate in West Hill, Ontario that formed the Gamma Lambda Chapter.

Robert Wybrow, President of Alpha Psi Chapter in Niagara Falls, Ontario, interested a group of men at Pelham High School in Fonthill, Ontario in Gamma Sigma Fraternity. This group's petition was granted and Gamma Mu was chartered on February 29th, 1960.

March 27th, 1960 saw the chartering of Gamma Nu Chapter at Northview Heights Collegiate in Willowdale, Ontario through the efforts of Gamma Delta Chapter. The induction ceremonies were carried out in the home of Brian R. Kelly, Gamma Delta '59.

On June 17th of the same year, Gamma Xi was established in Pembroke, Ontario. The group did not survive and was dormant by September of the same year.

The seed for a new chapter in Rexdale, Ontario was planted when members of Beta Upsilon explained fraternity to John Stacey, a student at Thistletown Collegiate. Stacey gathered a group of interested students and a visit was made by Grand Marshall Barry Reid, President Mike MacEachern, and District Supervisor Warren Adamson, all of Beta Upsilon. A petition, submitted in early October, was granted and the chapter was installed on November 26th, 1961. Initiation team consisted of Beta Upsilon Chapter, Grand Secretary Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi, Grand Treasurer Morgan Harris, Gamma Beta, and S.G.V.P.O. Brian R. Kelly, Gamma Delta. Gamma Omicron Chapter remains most active to this day.

Area Supervisor Ronald Abbott, Beta Upsilon '61, discussed fraternity with a group at Kipling Collegiate in Etobicoke. Under the sponsorship of Beta Upsilon, Gamma Pi was established at that school on October 28th, 1962. There were seven charter members initiated and Past Grand President Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu '53, presented Gamma Pi President Andre Ransberry with a fez which had been worn by five Past Grand Presidents.

John Dandy approached the members of Gamma Mu Chapter with the intention of starting a chapter in Welland, Ontario. Petitions were filed and were granted on December 9th, 1962. The chapter was installed at Eastdale Secondary School on January 20th, 1963 with Ary Van Eyk as the first President.

On April 7th, 1963, two new chapters were chartered in the Toronto Area. An overflow crowd witnessed Grand President Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota '49, welcome the new brothers.

Members of Beta Zeta and Gamma Zeta Chapters attending George Harvey Secondary School petitioned and were granted the Gamma Tau Charter.

Gamma Upsilon, sponsored by Gamma Iota, was chartered at the North Albion Collegiate in Rexdale, Ontario.

Eleven young men became charter members of Gamma Phi Chapter on September 22nd, 1963 when that chapter was installed at Weslane Secondary School. Alpha Psi sponsored the new group.

Through the efforts of Alpha Sigma, five charter members formed the Gamma Chi Chapter on February 15th, 1964 at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Pt. Credit, Ontario welcomed the next chapter of Gamma Sigma. George McNeely, Hal Pells, and Richard Fedy were interested in fraternity by the members of Beta Pi Chapter playing on the New Toronto basketball team. Gamma Psi was established at Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School on February 29th, 1964.

Charter members of Delta Beta receive charter from Grand President Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota; N.G.V.P.O. Brian Keegan, Beta Pi (kneeling left); and Chairman of the Board Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi (standing second from right).

On March 1st of the same year, Gamma Omega was chartered at W. A. Porter Collegiate in Scarborough, Ontario. Gamma Lambda was the sponsor of this new group.

Delta Alpha Chapter was established in Richmond Hill, Ontario during 1964.

Grand President Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota '61, and N.G.V.P.O. Brian Keegan, Beta Pi, presided over the chartering of Delta Beta Chapter at the Toronto Alumni House on November 8th, 1964. Beta Pi was sponsor of this Clarkson, Ontario chapter. It became dormant soon after but was reactivated by Delta Rho Chapter in early 1968.

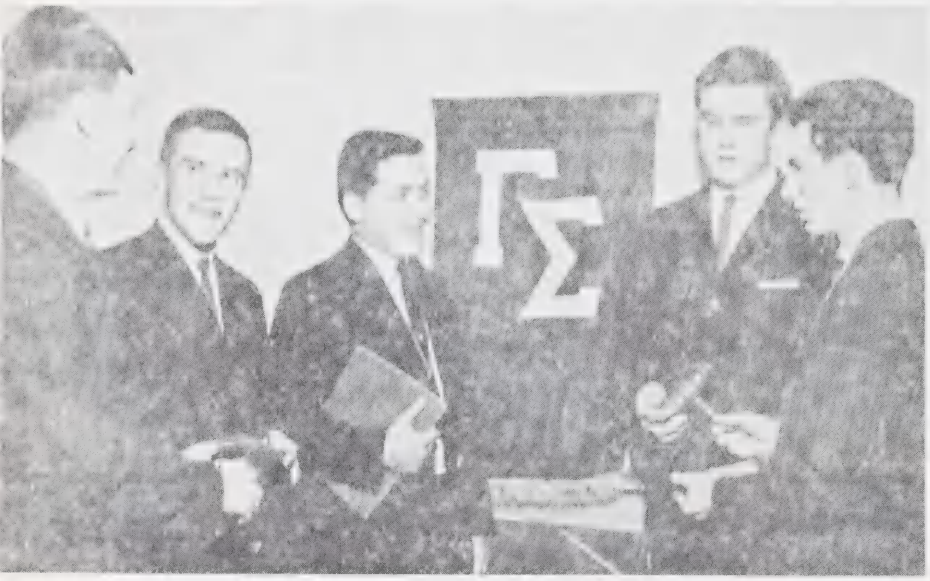
Gamma Omega was responsible for the establishment of Delta Gamma Chapter at Woburn Collegiate in Scarborough, Ontario on December 6th, 1964.

Although the charter of Delta Delta Chapter was granted in early January of 1965 by Grand President Gary W. Hunt, the chapter was not installed until February 21st of the same year. Gamma Lambda sponsored this group which was to draw its membership from Victoria Park Collegiate in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Because of the delay in the establishment of Delta Delta, Delta Epsilon and Delta Zeta Chapters were installed on January 17th, 1965, over one month in advance of Delta Delta.

The ceremony took the form of a dual induction at the Park Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Forty-five new members were inducted into Delta Zeta of Niagara Falls and Delta Epsilon of Ft. Erie, Ontario. Most of the members were formerly of Kosmo Adelphi and Sigma Psi Omega. Presiding over the induction were Joseph Makin, President of Alpha Psi Chapter, sponsor of Delta Zeta, and Carl Sulliman, President of Beta Tau Chapter, sponsor of Delta Epsilon.

Douglas B. Mundy, Gamma Pi '64, interested his brother Robert, a student at Scarlett Heights Collegiate in Etobicoke, Ontario, in starting a new chapter of Gamma Sigma. On April 25th, 1965, under the direction of Grand President Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota '61, and Gamma Pi President Terry Cave '64, nine men became charter members of Delta Eta Chapter.



Grand President Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota, presents gavels and charters to Delta Epsilon and Delta Zeta Chapters. L. to r.: Joseph Makin, President of Alpha Psi; Robert Dalby, President of Delta Zeta; Gordon Dyck, President of Delta Epsilon; Carl Sulliman, President of Beta Tau.

Gamma Pi President Terry Cave (left) and Grand President Gary W. Hunt (right) pose with charter members of Delta Eta Chapter.

Barry Reed, President of Gamma Kappa Chapter in Burlington, encouraged Donald Harris of Gamma Kappa, who had transferred to Aldershot High School, to start a new chapter under the direction of Gamma Kappa. Delta Theta was established in May of 1965.

Delta Iota was chartered at C. W. Jeffreys Secondary School in Downsview, Ontario on June 27th, 1965.

Through the efforts of John Hutchison, whose brothers were members of both Beta Upsilon and Beta Omicron Chapters, Delta Kappa was chartered at Burnhamthorpe Collegiate in Etobicoke. The group, formerly known as Kappa Pi Chapter of Omega Sigma Psi, a local fraternity founded on October 11th, 1963, was sponsored by Beta Upsilon Chapter and received its charter on October 31st, 1965.

Delta Lambda Chapter was chartered on April 10th, 1966 under the sponsorship of Gamma Omicron. Delta Lambda is located in Weston, Ontario and still draws its membership from Emery Collegiate today.

Almost one year passed before another chapter was added to the rolls of Gamma Sigma. It was on April 16th, 1967 that Grand President Brian R. Kelly, Gamma Delta '59, presided over the chartering of Delta Mu, Delta Nu, and Delta Xi Chapters.

James Wyatt of Gamma Omicron approached Gary Cunningham and David Ryan, two students at West Humber Collegiate in Etobicoke, and interested them in Gamma Sigma. Delta Mu Chapter resulted.

David Jackes was a student at Pt. Credit Secondary School when he and seven other young men approached the brothers of Gamma Psi Chapter with the idea of a new chapter. Delta Nu was chartered in Pt. Credit, Ontario as a result.

After several unsuccessful attempts at pledging for Gamma Lambda Chapter, a group at Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School in Scarborough, Ontario established the Lambda Gamma Club in September of 1966. Under the leadership of Richard Hughson and Peter Niewolik, the group petitioned Gamma Sigma and was chartered as Delta Xi Chapter.

Area Supervisor Chris Garnham, Gamma Kappa, and Cliff Bancroft, President of Gamma Kappa, discussed fraternity with Robert DiFruscia. He became interested and gathered eight other students at Waterdown District High School in Waterdown, Ontario and, as a group, they petitioned Gamma Sigma. Delta Omicron was chartered on April 30th, 1967 as a part of Gamma Sigma's Canadian centennial project, Pledge '67. The ceremony was held in Toronto at the Holiday Inn and was presided over by Grand President Brian R. Kelly.

Sponsored by Beta Phi Chapter, Delta Pi joined the ranks of Gamma Sigma on May 12th, 1967. The chapter, located at Vincent Massey Collegiate in Etobicoke, Ontario, still draws its membership from the school.

Several members of Gamma Beta Chapter were sent to a new school because of a boundary change. The group petitioned to form a new chapter at Streetsville High School and Delta Rho was chartered on October 11th, 1967 in Streetsville, Ontario.

The fraternity expanded to Oakville, Ontario on January 14th, 1968 with the chartering of two chapters. The dual induction was conducted by Grand President Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61 at the Skyline Hotel in Toronto, Ontario. Delta Sigma was chartered at Oakville-Trafalgar High School and Delta Tau, sponsored by Beta Phi, was established at Thomas A. Blakelock High School.

A tri-chapter chartering took place at the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton, Ontario on April 7th, 1968. Grand President Joseph W. Atkinson presided over the ceremonies.

Gamma Chi Chapter of St. Catharines, Ontario was responsible for the chartering of Delta Upsilon at Denis Morris Collegiate in Thorold.

Early in 1968, the Hamilton chapters of Theta Kappa Sigma Sorority were approached by Gamma Kappa Chapter with the intention of seeking out young men in the Hamilton high schools interested in fraternity. Under the direction of Moe Fedyszen, Gamma Kappa, two groups were organized. Delta Phi was established at Glendale Secondary School and Delta Chi was chartered at Westdale Secondary.

The most recent addition to Gamma Sigma came on November 17th, 1968 when, under the sponsorship of Delta Lambda Chapter, Delta Psi was chartered at Applewood Heights Secondary School in Mississauga, Ontario.

Grand President Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61, (left) presents chapter charters to Delta Sigma president Robert Nash (centre) and Delta Tau president Gary Rabjohn (right).

CHARTERED CHAPTERS OF GAMMA SIGMA

Alpha ..... Brockport, New York
Beta ..... Rochester, New York
Gamma ..... Buffalo, New York
Delta ..... Courtland, New York
Epsilon ..... Ithaca, New York
Zeta ..... Geneseo, New York
Eta ..... Evanston, Illinois
Theta ..... Chicago, Illinois
Iota ..... Lockport, New York
Kappa ..... Malden, Massachusetts
Mu ..... Cleveland, Ohio
Nu ..... Geneva, New York
Xi ..... Newton, Massachusetts
*Omicron ..... Syracuse, New York
Pi ..... Chicago, Illinois
*Rho ..... Niagara Falls, New York
Sigma ..... Hornellsville, New York
Tau ..... Worcester, Massachusetts
Upsilon ..... Omaha, Nebraska
Phi ..... Providence, Rhode Island
Chi ..... Detroit, Michigan
Psi ..... Columbus, Ohio
Alpha Alpha ..... Newark, New Jersey
Alpha Beta ..... Washington, D.C.
Alpha Gamma ..... Amsterdam, New York
Alpha Delta ..... Kenmore, New York
Alpha Epsilon ..... Quincy, Massachusetts
*Alpha Zeta ..... Niagara Falls, Ontario
Alpha Eta ..... Chicago, Illinois
Alpha Theta ..... Lima, Ohio
Alpha Iota ..... Chicago, Illinois
*Alpha Kappa ..... Stamford, Ontario
Alpha Lambda ..... Buffalo, New York
Alpha Mu ..... Chicago, Illinois
Alpha Nu ..... Hamilton, Ontario
Alpha Xi ..... Birmingham, Alabama
Alpha Omicron ..... Cherrydale, Virginia
Alpha Pi ..... Baltimore, Maryland
Alpha Rho ..... Chicago, Illinois
*Alpha Sigma ..... St. Catharines, Ontario
Alpha Tau ..... Detroit, Michigan
Alpha Upsilon ..... Washington, D.C.
Alpha Phi ..... Buffalo, New York
Alpha Chi ..... Baltimore, Maryland
*Alpha Psi ..... Wilmington, Delaware
(charter transferred to Niagara Falls, Ontario in 1956)
Alpha Omega ..... Snyder, New York
Beta Alpha ..... Santa Ana, California
Beta Beta ..... Wilmington, Delaware
Beta Gamma ..... Ft. Erie, Ontario
Beta Delta ..... St. Petersburg, Florida
Beta Epsilon ..... East Aurora, New York
*Beta Zeta ..... Toronto, Ontario
Beta Eta ..... Buffalo, New York
Beta Theta ..... Baltimore, Maryland
Beta Iota ..... Baltimore, Maryland
Beta Kappa ..... Baltimore, Maryland
Beta Lambda ..... Baltimore, Maryland
*Beta Mu ..... Baldwinsville, New York
*Beta Nu ..... Mimico, Ontario
Beta Xi ..... Baltimore, Maryland
*Beta Omicron ..... Etobicoke, Ontario
*Beta Pi ..... New Toronto, Ontario
Beta Rho ..... Welland, Ontario
(charter transferred to Buffalo, N.Y. in 1958)
Beta Sigma ..... Mobile, Alabama
*Beta Tau ..... Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario
*Beta Upsilon ..... Etobicoke, Ontario
*Beta Phi ..... Alderwood, Ontario
*Beta Chi ..... Lewiston, New York
Beta Psi ..... Baltimore, Maryland
Beta Omega ..... Baltimore, Maryland
*Gamma Alpha ..... Etobicoke, Ontario
*Gamma Beta ..... Cooksville, Ontario
Gamma Gamma ... LaSalle, New York
*Gamma Delta ..... Willowdale, Ontario
*Gamma Epsilon .... Etobicoke, Ontario
*Gamma Zeta ..... Toronto, Ontario
Gamma Eta ..... Niagara Falls, New York
Gamma Theta ..... Parksville, Maryland
*Gamma Iota ..... Weston, Ontario
*Gamma Kappa ..... Burlington, Ontario
*Gamma Lambda ... West Hill, Ontario
*Gamma Mu ..... Fonthill, Ontario
*Gamma Nu ..... Willowdale, Ontario
Gamma Xi ..... Pembroke, Ontario
*Gamma Omicron .. Rexdale, Ontario
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*Gamma Phi ..... Niagara Falls, Ontario
*Gamma Chi ..... St. Catharines, Ontario
*Gamma Psi ..... Pt. Credit, Ontario
*Gamma Omega .... Scarborough, Ontario
*Delta Alpha ..... Richmond Hill, Ontario
*Delta Beta ..... Clarkson, Ontario
*Delta Gamma ..... Scarborough, Ontario
*Delta Delta ..... Scarborough, Ontario
*Delta Epsilon ..... Ft. Erie, Ontario
*Delta Zeta ..... Niagara Falls, Ontario
*Delta Eta ..... Etobicoke, Ontario
*Delta Theta ..... Aldershot, Ontario
*Delta Iota ..... Downsview, Ontario
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*Delta Nu ..... Pt. Credit, Ontario
*Delta Xi ..... Scarborough, Ontario
*Delta Omicron ..... Waterdown, Ontario
*Delta Pi ..... Etobicoke, Ontario
*Delta Rho ..... Streetsville, Ontario
*Delta Sigma ..... Oakville, Ontario
*Delta Tau ..... Oakville, Ontario
*Delta Upsilon ..... Thorold, Ontario
*Delta Phi ..... Hamilton, Ontario
*Delta Chi ..... Hamilton, Ontario
*Delta Psi ..... Mississauga, Ontario

*Denotes active chapters.

One hundred and nineteen chapters have been chartered since the system was introduced some eighty years ago. All but two of these have been original charters. Fifty-eight chapters remain on the active rolls of the fraternity today.

Alumni clubs have never experienced a long life in Gamma Sigma. The problem seems to be that the clubs have tried to function "jointly with" rather than "parallel to" the active chapters. Certainly the interests of the alumni groups are quite different from those of the active chapters.

There have been several alumni clubs chartered, most of these in recent years. It would be impossible to record the history of the various clubs in this publication. However, it is the hope of this writer that alumni will always take an active interest in Gamma Sigma Fraternity. Clubs need not be the vehicle for this to occur.

CHARTERED ALUMNI CLUBS

Beta Alumni Club	Rochester, New York
Azak Alumni Club	Niagara Falls, Ontario
Baltimore Alumni Club	Baltimore, Maryland
Beta Zeta Alumni Club	Toronto, Ontario
Gamma Delta Nu Alumni Club	Willowdale, Ontario
*Gamma Sigma Toronto Alumni Club	Toronto, Ontario
Beta Pi Alumni Club	New Toronto, Ontario
Gamma Beta Alumni Club	Cooksville, Ontario
Gamma Tau Alumni Club	Toronto, Ontario
*Gamma Sigma York Alumni Club	Toronto, Ontario
*Gamma Pi Alumni Club	Etobicoke, Ontario

*Denotes active clubs.

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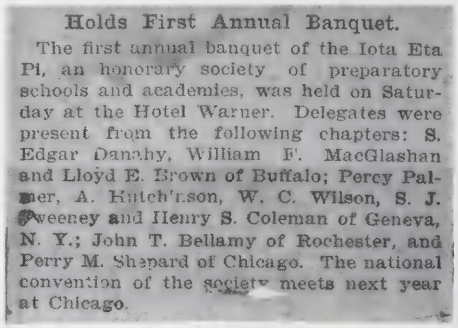
CHAPTER NINE

The Pyramid and Crescent

After the 33rd Convocation held in Courtland, New York in June of 1902, several of the attending members met in the room of Lloyd E. Brown, Gamma '01, with the newly-elected Grand President, Perry M. Shepard, Theta '00, and formed an "inside" order of Gamma Sigma known as Iota Eta Pi. Those present, along with Brothers Brown and Shepard, were S. Edgar Danaby and William F. MacGlashan, both of Gamma Chapter, and Percy Palmer, A. Hutchinson, W. C. Wilson, Stephen J. Sweeney, and Henry Coleman, all of Nu Chapter, and Edward T. Bellamy of Beta Chapter.

Iota Eta Pi was supposedly very secret and very exclusive. It was designed to be to Gamma Sigma what the Shrine is to Masonry. Rumour has it that it existed for some time in Geneva, N.Y., although no proof of this statement seems available. The other chapters, particularly Beta, refused to recognize it or permit its extension.

Among other things, this order decided to start a fraternity paper. Entitled the *Crescent*, only one issue of this pamphlet was published, that being in 1902. Lloyd E. Brown was the Editor.



Holds First Annual Banquet.

The first annual banquet of the Iota Eta Pi, an honorary society of preparatory schools and academies, was held on Saturday at the Hotel Warner. Delegates were present from the following chapters: S. Edgar Danahy, William F. MacGlashan and Lloyd E. Brown of Buffalo; Percy Palmer, A. Hutchinson, W. C. Wilson, S. J. Sweeney and Henry S. Coleman of Geneva, N. Y.; John T. Bellamy of Rochester, and Perry M. Shepard of Chicago. The national convention of the society meets next year at Chicago.

1902 News Clipping

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Original letterhead of the *Crescent* (above), original advertising contract form for the *Crescent* (right), and charter members of Iota Eta Pi taken in 1902 (below).

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Lloyd Brown was born in Buffalo, N.Y., the son of Clara and David E. Brown. He was initiated into Gamma Chapter while a student at Central High School in Buffalo where he was also the Editor of the school magazine. Brother Brown was awarded a scholarship that took him to Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. It was here that Brother Brown edited and published the *Crescent*. In 1903, he founded the Omicron Chapter of Gamma Sigma at the Syracuse High School. He died in April of 1954.

The alumni of Gamma Chapter formed the Pyramid and Crescent Publishing Company in 1903 which published three issues during the following one and one-half years under the name of the *Pyramid and Crescent.* Having lost sixty dollars on the enterprise, the company turned the paper over to the Grand Chapter.

At the 35th Convocation of 1904, W. Robert Neel and Walter L. Todd, both of Beta Chapter, were appointed to publish the magazine for the ensuing year. At the 36th Convocation the following year, the magazine was made the official organ of the fraternity. It was to be published yearly under the Editorship of the Grand Corresponding Secretary. In later years, individual chapters assumed publication of the magazine. It is difficult to establish just when the Editor became an appointee of the Grand President but at the 99th Convocation of 1968, he became an elected Officer.

The Pyramid and Crescent
War Edition

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Enclosed find 50c for my One Year Subscription (6 issues) of THE PYRAMID AND CRESCENT.

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Name ..... Chapter .....

Address .....

City & State .....

Subscription Form for War Editions of the *P. and C.*

The magazine has been published under various titles, the *Pyramid*, the *Crescent*, the *Pyramid-Crescent*, and the *Pyramid and Crescent*, and has been supplemented at various times by a periodical known as the *Old Rose and White.*

Thomas P. Williams, Alpha Delta, War Editor of the *Pyramid and Crescent*, was responsible to a great extent for the survival of Gamma Sigma during the Second World War. Through his War Editions, he encouraged an active interest in the fraternity by the boys at home and overseas.

1903 Letterhead of the Pyramid and Crescent Publishing Company.

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War Edition SEPTEMBER, 1944 Vol 1 No. 1

Report from the War Council

For the duration of the war Gamma Sigma is being ruled by the War Council. With brother Robert M Weir, Kappa, as Grand President, members of the War Council include: Charles Willard Hendrick, Alpha Psi, Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Robert G Christopher, Alpha Zeta, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Harold G Dobson, Grand Custodian, and Thomas P. Williams, Alpha Delta, Editor of The Pyramid and Crescent.

Rituals and laws of Gamma Sigma will be carried out as in the past. Membership shingles will be issued to all new brothers and those who have failed to become officially initiated. Chapter taxes and membership fees will continue. Taxes prior to January, 1944 may be considered cancelled according to a new ruling proclaimed by the War Council.

It is only with complete cooperation from each chapter that your War Council may successfully operate. Suggestions will be appreciated. Each member of the War Council is ready and willing to convey any information desired by its chapters. To be a member in good standing within the realms of our brotherhood, it is necessary for a brother to be fully versed in the rituals of the fraternity, the Constitution and By-Laws and possess official credentials. Although the members of your War Council are busily engaged in the service or essential war industry, a program has been planned to give immediate attention to Chapters and individual brothers in all matters involving Grand Council decision.

Since it will be impossible to gather at Convocation until the war is over, correspondence will be the tying link between your War Council and its Chapters. Continual weekly contact is urged. Our brotherhood will be bound together through its official publication, The Pyramid and Crescent. In its columns will be found news of chapters and brothers throughout the fraternal realm at home and in the service. Suggestions for chapter activity and official War Council communiques appear in each issue.

GOLD STAR ROLL OF HONOR

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER
LINDSAY LANNIGAN
Joseph Alec
WILLIAM HARRIS
Royal Canadian Air Force

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER
GRANT HILL
Royal Canadian Air Force

KAPPA CHAPTER
CAPT. FRED MERRILL
First Lieutenant, U.S.A.
HENRY LaPONSIE
Major, U.S.A.
United States Navy

Gamma Sigma's War Council on behalf of the fraternity offers our deepest sympathy to the families of our heroes. We share your grief in their supreme sacrifice. These great fellows were our substant fraternal companions. We will do our part that they shall not have died in vain.

Our countries are at war! Gamma Sigma is at war! To maintain our tradition as the oldest secondary fraternity in continual existance and one of the largest, it is our duty to keep our great organization functioning for the brothers who are fighting and dying to preserve our freedom and this right to organize as we desire. Gamma Sigma will be awaiting their return.

Except for current funds the total Grand Treasury has been invested in the war effort. War Bond purchases include a $500.00 Canadian War Bond purchased when that country went into war, and a $300.00 Series F United States War Bond. More bonds are being purchased by Gamma Sigma through the War Council, as chapter taxes and membership fees are received by the Grand Treasurer.

Some chapters have recently experienced a delay in receiving Shingles for new members. A new attractive design has been completed for the fraternity membership certificate, and since the original supply of shingles has been exhausted the new printing will be of a new design. War conditions have held up work by the engravers and printers, but the new shingles will be sent out during the fall semester.

New Groups Bid for Charter Rights

Alpha Zeta Chapter has taken under its Niagara Falls, Ontario wing a new group at BOY'S COLLEGE. With eyes to the future greatness of Gamma Sigma, Beta Theta our newest chapter, has sponsored a new group at CITY COLLEGE and at Polytechnic School in Baltimore, Maryland.

The War Council has officially recognized these groups. Action is being taken and preparation made for initiation of these proposed groups.

The War Council announces that Convocations will be cancelled for the duration. However, this has not held back enthusiastic chapter planning for the future. Three chapters have bid for the first post war Convocation.

Alpha Gamma, a chapter that controls Amsterdam, N. Y., with its numerous activities would have the convention in their city. Brothers have informed the War Council that elaborate arrangements would be in order to assure a successful convention in their city.

Beta Theta has distinguished itself as a promising chapter in Gamma Sigma. Their record speaks for itself. As our youngest chapter addition it has sky rocketed to occupy one of the first places among the chapters. Their choice for the first convention is Baltimore, Maryland.

Alpha Zeta is situated in a city which has been the site of more conventions than any other in the history of our brotherhood. The brothers of this Niagara Falls chapter have proven their mastery of organizing and sponsoring a successful Gamma Sigma annual meeting.

This is probably the beginning of a competitive rivalry between these three chapters and possibly more which will last for the duration. To the Grand Council which must make a final decision for the first convention will rest a situation requiring deep deliberation for choice.

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BETA IOTA AND BETA KAPPA CHAPTERS ADDED TO FRATERNITY ROLLS

FOURTH BALTIMORE GROUP PETITIONS FOR CHARTER RIGHTS

Under consideration by the War Council is a petition submitted by Brother Ray Bevans, President of Beta Theta Chapter, to initiate a fourth group in Baltimore, Md. The young men seeking admission are students of Towson High School.

Brother Bevans says the group is very eager and enthusiastic to become a part of Gamma Sigma. Their ability to organize and operate as a group is offered through activities conducted, a roll of active officers and a substantial treasury.

Although it is against the principles of Gamma Sigma to have more than one or two chapters in any one city, an exception to this rule is being considered by the War Council. Towson High, located eight miles from the nearest chapter, is a definite point in favor of a fourth Baltimore chapter. Announcement of a decision will be made in the near future by Brother Charles W. Hendrick.

NOTICE

Many initiation fees have been received in the Central Office. Shingles can't be issued until correct full name and initiation dates of men have been received.

The following jewelry orders are being held by Brother Hendricks awaiting approval because of non-payment of chapter taxes and/or initiation fees:

Jack Herbert, McSpadden, Harvey Merrill Dick, Donald Jacobi, Clyde Moore, Charles Hedenstad, Howard Hickley.

Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers are urged to check their records immediately on these names and any others and check the last payment date of chapter taxes. Contact the Central Office at once.

Gamma Sigma's GOLD STAR ROLL OF HOUOR

Kappa Chapter
Capt Fred Merrill, USA
Harry LaPonsie, USN

James Card, USN
Omicron Chapter
Gil Hildagrand
Jack Bulloch
James Foster
Alpha Zeta Chapter
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Sgt. George Hillesheim
F/Sgt. Harry K. Kells
Lt. Alfred Walker
Alpha Kappa Chapter
Lt Col. Charles F. J. Finlay
Sgt. Ob William Cheevers
Sgt. Pilot William Grant Hill
F. O. Ralph E. McLeod
Alpha Psi Chapter
Sgt. Richard L. Swearer, USA

We miss their laughter and their cheer, it seems but yesterday
We had them to talk with us, and now they've marched away.
And here where once their smiles were seen we keep a printed scroll;
The absent boy we long to see is on the Honor Roll.
The laughter that we knew has gone; the merry voice of youth
No longer rings where chapters meet, discussing sombre truth.
No longer jests are flung about to rouse our weary souls,
For they who meant so much to us are on our Honor Rolls.

In Memory of
FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT
Champion of Youth
Model of American Manhood
Greatest World Leader of Our Generation
Our 32nd President

With the acceptance of two new Baltimore, Md., groups, the War Council announces charters issued to Beta Iota and Beta Kappa as official chapters of Gamma Sigma Fraternity. International Addition of the new groups follows nearly three years of negotiations with the Grand Council. Beta Theta Chapter of the same city is credited with the work in organizing the new chapters.

Brother Ted Weiman is the president of Beta Iota. The chapter membership is made up of students attending Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. Since the group originally petitioned for chapter rights June 18, 1942, their charter bears that date.

Running the gauntlet of intensive investigation, research and examinations which mark a group seeking admission into the realms of Gamma Sigma, the persistent patient efforts of Brother Walter Granruth, Jr., resulted with official recognition of Beta Kappa Chapter. Members of this Gamma Sigma's fifty-fourth chapter, are students at City College School in Baltimore.

Grand Council rituals of formal initiation in the presence of Grand Officers could not be held at this time due to the emergency administration under which the fraternity is being ruled. However, official welcome and formal greetings were extended to the new chapters by Acting Grand Presiding Officer Charles W. Hendrick. Formal rites will be conducted at the first post-war convocation for these and other chapters chartered during the war period.

Gamma Sigma is now represented in Baltimore with three Chapters. Beta Theta was chartered in April, 1939.

PROTHERS BUY BONDS

Front pages of four War Editions of the *Pyramid and Crescent*.

The Pyramid and Crescent

WAR EDITION VOL. 1, NO. 2 FEBRUARY, 1945

Somewhere In England

Dear Brothers:

Fraternal greetings to all. This is the first opportunity I have had to do much on fraternal affairs and undoubtedly it surprises you that I have any time at all to take part in fraternal matters. However, that is something I shall still endeavor to carry on even though I am over here.

For a set policy I believe that it is understood and for the best that Brother Hendrick hold the central position in the active fraternity administration. That his address and office be used as the central point. There may come time when I won't be able to get off a letter to each of you but will be able to get off one to Brother Hendrick on matters. This is not a slight but definately a shortage of supplies on this end. The situation is acute at present regarding stationery and that includes every spot in this English town. On the whole there is absolutely nothing to buy as regards everything. What the English have they don't mind sharing and they are abundantly friendly. They are really taking a beating in this war but with their spirits intact and their determination unfaltering. There is a lot to admire them for. The great and traditional beauty is everywhere and all is most interesting to date although I don't know how long such good fortune will continue. It doesn't unusally. I can't reveal my whereabouts but all of us as children have been fascinated by legend stories of the section. Opportunity may come for us to visit London soon and I'm sure that it will be a treat for I'm anxious to go.

Have just come back from a couple of doughnuts that a bunch of us here got from a mobile Red Cross unit that just stopped. A damm good American doughnut they dish out too. Oh well, and such is a day in England.

Wishing you all the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years and sorry I can't be with you on Christmas day, I'll drink a toast of water to Gamma Sigma everywhere and see if dinner was any different from pork the day before. It could be worse and will be.

So Cheerio!

Most Fraternally Yours
ROBERT M. WEIR
Grand President

Sgt. Robert M. Weir, 31270612
Hq. Co., 3rd Bn. 271st Inf.
APO 17807 c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Weir Goes To War

Sgt. Robert M. Weir, Grand President, has been called to over seas duty with the armed forces. The absence of brother Weir is significant not only to Gamma Sigma, but throughout the entire secondary fraternity world.

During his absence the presiding office will be actively held by War Council's Charles W. Hendrick, Grand Sec-Tres. A seasoned Grand Officer, brother Hendrick is well qualified for this added responsibility.

Chapter Taxes

The most urgent current issue is Chapter obligations to the War Council. Chapter taxes prior to January 1944 were cancelled providing each with a clear record on the Treasury books. Many chapters have not taken advantage of this liberal legislation.

Investing heavily in war bonds the War Council relys on current chapter taxes for the many operational expenses of our international brotherhood. Shingles, membership cards, Rituals and official documents of Gamma Sigma are but a few of the numerous War Council functions which require immediate finances. Although it is planned that subscription fees will eventually finance the Pyramid and Crescent, necessary capital to sponsor first issues was supplied by the War Council.

Your War Council needs finances! Chapter Taxes and registration fees must be paid—now.

New Ruling

Effective October 1, 1944 the following resolution was adopted. "Agreed that if a chapter has not paid its Council Tax ($10.00 per year), the chapter and its members will not be authorized to purchase official Gamma Sigma jewelry. No order for official jewelry will be approved by the Grand Sec-Tres. unless the order is for or by a member properly registered with the Grand Council."

Although all chapters have been notified of this resolution many jewelry orders could not be authorized because the ruling was not followed. To avoid the embarrassment of this situation, chapters are urged to pay their taxes and officially register members with the War Council immediately after their formal initiation into Gamma Sigma.

War and Post War

At present Gamma Sigma is all-out for winning the war. News from brothers in service shows what a great part they are playing in the fight. On the home front "Gams" are hard at work providing the materials of war. Chapters composed of brothers in school are contributing of their free time to the many war service agencies and through programs of their own helping to entertain men in service and promote morale.

Post-war planning is essential for the continued expansion and success of the fraternity and while the War Council is greatly pressed for time some plans have been formulated.

As soon as possible following the war an international convention will be held. Official adoption of the revised Grand Constitution and election of a Grand Council will be the principle convocation issues. Candidates for election should not be difficult to select. Many brothers are proving their ability to serve as Grand Officer. Chapters should be deciding now who will be their selections for the various Grand Council offices.

As post-war planning progresses, chapters will be notified through form letters from the War Council and features in the P&C.

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BROTHERS BUY BONDS

SUMMER ISSUE

Gamma Pyramid WAR EDITION Sigma Crescent

VOL. 1 NO. 4 "School First Then Fraternity" JULY, 1945

WAR COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW POLICIES TO AID CHAPTERS, PROMOTE EFFICIENCY

"The Fighting 69th" EAST of the RHINE

Dear Brothers:

Greetings, and though my presence be measured in thousands of miles, my thoughts are ever close in fraternal bond. Gamma Sigma has aided through its membership both in the armed forces and by those serving on the home defense front in the hall final victory achieved by the combined allied forces in Europe.

We have reached a climax that refreshens, but let us not take too long to our naive before resuming our tasks to bring about final victory. Until that day we cannot rest or have we earned the right to rest. In our hearts we would not be at ease or would it be fair to those who have already sacrificed their lives to make this short interlude possible. May we someday soon, also be able to let them know that it was they who spurred us on to bring a better world for them. Let us work still with unity, and with effort against the common foe in the Pacific. Victory can be quick and shall be if we all exert ourselves beyond our normal capacity. Let us all do just that.

The acts of war are limited to all of us and witnessed by many in the desiring than its ruin, its mangled bodies and vacant looks in the faces of bewildered wanderers of every nationality. Like a pin point from amongst the multitude our voice speaks, but amidst the smoke and roar of battle, like a whisper wanting cries. For one to live with thoughts of idealism and Freedom, to go out to keep on believing we must just these evils from our world of living.

Let us pause momentarily at this half was mark in our fight for eternal freedom and offer prayers for those who were our badge and other great men who gave their lives. For to all that have accepted death they too have been given greatness and immortality. To them their lives were not too great to offer for the cause. Cup we should of their sacrifice, shun or hesitate in this final effort.

Let us fight as and together at home and abroad, wherever we are, to give again to all the right, the way, and the chance to pursue the normal course of happy living. For this we ever pray. Till all are gathered round our table that bears the Pyramid and Crescent, each to offer a toast in the name of eternal peace.

Fraternally

Robert M. Weir

Grand President

PROGRESSIVE N. Y. CHAPTERS CONDUCT JOINT MEETINGS

A long time goal of Alpha Gamma Chapter was realized recently when members of Omicron journied from Syracuse to meet with the Amsterdam brothers. A banquet commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Gamma Sigma featured the occasion.

In return Omicron played hosts to Alpha Gamma brothers during a week end in Syracuse. During their stay, the brothers were entertained at an outstanding social event, Omicron's Annual Sport Dance.

Past Chapter Presidents, Ed Lautenschlager of Alpha Gamma and John George of Omicron were promoters of the twin chapter affair. Both brothers upon finishing school, have entered the armed forces.

OMICRON SWINGS YEAR'S BIGGEST FRATERNITY DANCE

Syracuse, N. Y.—With its sister sorority Alpha Mu, Omicron Chapter held its annual "Blitzkreig In Swing." Two of the finest local bands beat out dance tunes for a crowd of 325 couples. The big affair took place at Hotel Syracuse ballroom.

Started in 1939, "Blitzkreig In Swing" has become an annual event sponsored by Omicron. Presented each year in collaboration with Alpha Mu, it is considered one of the outstanding swing fests around Syracuse.

Chapter officers responsible for the successful 1945 edition of the dance are Howard Hinkley, P. O.; Henry Tiffany, V. P. O., Burton Rair, Sec; Mathew Stamphalis, Treas.; and Carl Schwartzer, Marshal.

PICTURES WANTED.

Beginning with the next issue, your Pyramid and Crescent will be illustrated. Summer time is a well opportunity for Chapter activity snapshots. Brothers in service are asked to send pictures taken of them. Send prints, not negatives. Be sure they are clear prints. Look for your picture in the P&C.

BROTHERS BUY BONDS

Constitution Revised, P&C Policy Changed, New Jewelry Procedure, Advisors Needed, Publications Planned.

A revised Constitution has been drawn up, and will be presented at the post-war Convocation for ratification and adoption. Each Chapter is urged to study the new work, and make suggestions and propose changes if necessary.

Jewelry Procedure.

Novelty jewelry and supplies may be purchased from L. G. Balfour Co., without official approval. However, all items listed in Gamma Sigma's Official Price List and rings bearing the fraternity crest must be approved through the Grand Sec.-Treas. To secure approval registration fees must be paid and chapter taxes up to date. Alumni members are not affected.

P&C Policy.

To keep the Pyramid and Crescent on a no-loss, no-profit basis and eventually enlarge each issue, a new policy has been adopted. Each volume will consist of six issues published every other month. Subscription price will be fifty cents per year. Those who have already paid one dollar will receive issues through volume two.

Advisors.

Chapters are requested to appoint Chapter Advisors from members of the school faculty. They have always been considered a part of a Chapter's officer Roll. Their suggestions, advice and presence at meetings is invaluable to a chapter's function.

New Publications Planned.

Procedures are being planned to appear in booklet form. These will include Grand Constitution, Rituals, How To Plan a Convocation, "Ways and Means," a booklet on chapter finances. The booklets are planned to aid new Grand and Chapter Officers, and establish an efficient business routine for the fraternity.

Under serious consideration is the post-war Convocation. With many chapters anxious to sponsor the big affair in their respective cities, investigation of official bids will be in order this year.

For years the *Pyramid and Crescent* was distributed to the chapters and to interested alumni on a subscription basis. The magazine was distributed free for the first time during the 1949-1950 fraternal year. This policy has continued to this day.

In 1962, the *Pyramid and Crescent* was awarded the Publications Award by the Inter-Fraternity Congress. By this action, the I.F.C. acknowledged the superior nature of the *P. and C.* and the efforts of Editor Robert Murch, Beta Upsilon '60. The tribute had been long in coming but was richly deserved for Brother Murch's three issues.

Gamma Sigma has reason to be proud of her publication for not only is the *P. and C.* the oldest continuous fraternity magazine of its kind but it is also recognized as a superior publication by the fraternity world.

HISTORY OF THE PYRAMID AND CRESCENT

Year	*Name*	*Sponsor*	*Editor*
1902	Pyramid	Iota Eta Pi	Lloyd E. Brown, Gamma
1903	Pyramid and Crescent	Gamma Alumni	Lloyd E. Brown, Gamma
1904	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	W. Robert Neel and Walter L. Todd, Beta
1905 - 1906	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Oakley Furney, Alpha
1906 - 1907	Pyramid - Crescent	Grand Chapter	Neson C. Hyde, Omicron
1907 - 1908	Pyramid - Crescent	Grand Chapter	Lee W. Pardridge, Pi
1908 - 1909	Pyramid - Crescent	Grand Chapter	Lee W. Pardridge, Pi
1909 - 1910	Pyramid - Crescent	Chi Chapter	unknown
1910 - 1911	Pyramid - Crescent	unknown	unknown
1911 - 1912	Pyramid - Crescent	unknown	H. Mortimer Smeed, Beta
1912 - 1913	Pyramid - Crescent	Grand Chapter	Cyrus P. Lee, Gamma

Name, sponsor, and Editor of publication unknown between 1913 and 1920.

1920 - 1921	Pyramid - Crescent	unknown	Earle M. Wightman, Alpha Alpha
1921 - 1922	Pyramid - Crescent	unknown	Philip Wood, Alpha Alpha
1922 - 1923	Pyramid - Crescent	unknown	Philip Wood, Alpha Alpha
1923	Old Rose and White	Gamma Chapter	Preston M. Holmes, Courtland C. Smith, and John C. Spragge, Gamma
1923 - 1924	Pyramid - Crescent	Omicron Chapter	Francis Yelly, Omicron
1924 - 1925	Pyramid - Crescent	Alpha Chapter	Wilbur Ward Hiler and Frederick Hiram Covert, Alpha

Year	*Name*	*Sponsor*	*Editor*
1925 - 1926	unknown	unknown	unknown
1926 - 1927	unknown	unknown	unknown
1927 - 1928	unknown	unknown	unknown

1928 - 1929	Pyramid - Crescent	Omicron Chapter	Edward Tickner, Omicron
1929 - 1930	Pyramid - Crescent	unknown	unknown
1930	Pyramid	unknown	unknown
1930 - 1931	Pyramid - Crescent	Chicago Chapters	Irving L. Peterman and L. Russell Black, Alpha Mu
1931 - 1932	Pyramid - Crescent	Chicago Chapters	L. Russell Black and Otto F. Seifret, Alpha Mu
1932 - 1933	unknown	unknown	unknown
1933	Old Rose and White	Gamma Chapter	Richard Stilwell and Robert Sanborn, Gamma
1933 - 1934	unknown	unknown	unknown
1934 - 1935	not published		
1935 - 1936	Pyramid - Crescent	Alpha Zeta and Alpha Kappa	Hugh Thomas, Alpha Kappa Roland Lee, Alpha Zeta
1936 - 1937	Pyramid - Crescent	Niagara Falls Alumni Club	Thomas C. Speedie, Alpha Zeta
1937 - 1938	Pyramid - Crescent	Alpha Zeta Chapter	Kenneth Wisby, Alpha Zeta
1938 - 1939	not published		
1939	Pyramid	Grand Council	Robert G. Christopher, Alpha Zeta
1939 - 1940	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Council	Henry T. Sanborn, Jr., Kappa
1940 - 1941	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Council	Robert M. Weir, Kappa
1941 - 1942	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Council	Thomas P. Williams, Alpha Delta
1942 - 1943	not published		
1943 - 1944	not published		
1944 - 1945	Pyramid and Crescent	War Council	Thomas P. Williams, Alpha Delta
1946	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Thomas P. Williams, Alpha Delta
1946 - 1947	Pyramid - Crescent	Grand Chapter	Arthur H. Neal, Alpha Kappa
1947 - 1948	not published		
1948 - 1949	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Robert M. Weir, Kappa
1949 - 1950	Pyramid - Crescent	Grand Chapter	Paul B. Coulson, Alpha Zeta
1950 - 1951	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Paul B. Coulson, Alpha Zeta
1951 - 1952	not published		
1952 - 1953	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	George K. Irrgang, Beta Iota
1953 - 1954	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Clifford H. Lantz, Tau
1954 - 1955	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Robert M. Weir, Kappa
1955 - 1956	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Robert M. Weir, Kappa
1956 - 1957	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Robert M. Weir, Kappa
1957 - 1958	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Robert M. Weir, Kappa
1958 - 1959	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Charles L. Allen, Alpha Chi
1959 - 1960	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Charles L. Allen, Alpha Chi
1960 - 1961	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Ronald H. Beattie, Beta Zeta
1961 - 1962	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Robert Murch, Beta Upsilon
1962 - 1963	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	William A. Redmond, Gamma Theta
1963 - 1964	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Douglas R. Hunter, Beta Zeta
1964 - 1965	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Brian Hanson, Beta Pi
1965	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi
1965 - 1966	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi
1966 - 1967	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Douglas B. Mundy, Gamma Pi
1967 - 1968	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Douglas B. Mundy, Gamma Pi
1968 - 1969	Pyramid and Crescent	Grand Chapter	Gabe Laszlo, Gamma Pi

CHAPTER TEN

Annual Convocations

It has often been said, and rightly so, that "a member does not really know Gamma Sigma until he has attended at least one Convocation".

Convocations have been held annually since the members of Alpha, Beta, and Gamma Chapters and their alumni first met in Brockport on June 25th, 1891. They were an extension of the Annual Dinners held in the years of the Gamma Sigma Society. The convocation is the culmination of the fraternity year.

The format, length, and time of year of the conventions have changed over the years. However, many aspects have remained the same.

Of prime importance have been the business sessions. It is here that delegates have the opportunity to accept or reject new legislation. The election of officers is also carried out at these annual meetings.

Social events, too, have become most important. The Grand Ball has traditionally been the time for the members to entertain the ladies. In later years, Miss Gamma Sigma and her court were chosen at the Grand Ball.

The Ancient and Mystic Oriental Order of Ouplah Ziplah, known simply as the smoker prior to 1930, made its first appearance at the 61st Convocation in Rochester, N.Y. in that year. It appeared as a publicity stunt but with lasting effects. Irving Peterman, Alpha Mu, was appointed SWOOZ (Supreme Wizard of Ouplah Ziplah) and Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta, became known as the FOOZ (Father of Ouplah Ziplah). There was also a TOOZ (Treasurer of Ouplah Ziplah) and several HWOOZ (Honourary Wizards of Ouplah Ziplah).

Three degrees were created: SOOZ (Scarecrows of Ouplah Ziplah), first year men who wore green and gold fezes; TWOOZ (Tin Woodman of Ouplah Ziplah), second year men who wore blue and gold fezes; and WOOZ (Wizards of Ouplah Ziplah), men attending their third or greater convention and wore blue and red fezes.

Ouplah Ziplah was adopted as the official inside order of Gamma Sigma at the 69th Convocation of 1938 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

To this day, "Men of Ouplah Ziplah" exist in a most hilarious and fun-loving mood whenever and wherever they meet.

The highlight of the fraternity year has always been the Grand Banquet. It is at this time that new officers are installed and awards are presented to chapters and to individuals.

This writer has tried to include the highlights, both business and social, of the conventions on the following pages. However, there are gaps and for this, I do apologize.

Greeting:

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

wear the honored fez (we furnish)

use the word Beevo!

OZ

Presents to

Brother George Matthews

of

Tau Chapter

MEMBERSHIP IN THE

Ancient and Mystic

Oriental Order of Ouplah Ziplah

THE INNER GAMMA SIGMA

81 Anniversary Convocation

Aug. 24-26, 1950 Baltimore, Md.

Sooz

DEGREE

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand

R S Scarbrough

Supreme Wizard (SWOOZ)

Ouplah Ziplah certificate presented to George Ashley Matthews, Tau, Grand President 1951-1952.

ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS OF GAMMA SIGMA

Year	*Anniversary*	*Site*	*Sponsor*
1891	22nd	Brockport, New York	Alpha
1892	23rd	Brockport, New York	Alpha
1893	24th	Brockport, New York	Alpha
1894	25th	Rochester, New York	Beta
1895	26th	Courtland, New York	Delta
1896	27th	Rochester, New York	Beta
1897	28th	Buffalo, New York	Gamma
1898	29th	Brockport, New York	Alpha
1899	30th	Geneseo, New York	Zeta
1900	31st	Rochester, New York	Beta
1901	32nd	Buffalo, New York	Gamma
1902	33rd	Courtland, New York	Delta
1903	34th	Chicago, Illinois	Eta, Theta, Lambda
1904	35th	Lockport, New York	Iota
1905	36th	Rochester, New York	Beta
1906	37th	Brockport, New York	Alpha
1907	38th	Syracuse, New York	Omicron
1908	39th	Chicago, Illinois	Eta, Theta, Lambda, Pi
1909	40th	Detroit, Michigan	Chi
1910	41st	Buffalo, New York	Gamma
1911	42nd	Geneva, New York	Nu
1912	43rd	Buffalo, New York	Gamma
1913	44th	Lockport, New York	Iota
1914	45th	Syracuse, New York	Omicron
1915	46th	Chicago, Illinois	Unknown
1916	47th	Chicago, Illinois	Eta, Theta, Lambda, Pi

No convocations held in 1917, 1918, and 1919 because of World War I.

1920	51st	Newark, New Jersey	Alpha Alpha
1921	52nd	Syracuse, New York	Omicron
1922	53rd	Brockport, New York	Alpha
1923	54th	Buffalo, New York	Gamma
1924	55th	Niagara Falls, New York	Rho
1925	56th	Newark, New Jersey	Alpha Alpha
1926	57th	Washington, D.C.	Alpha Beta
1927	58th	Amsterdam, New York	Alpha Gamma
1928	59th	Syracuse, New York	Omicron
1929	60th	Niagara Falls, N.Y.-Ont.	Rho, Alpha Zeta
1930	61st	Rochester, New York	Alpha
1931	62nd	Hamilton, Ontario	Alpha Nu
1932	63rd	Washington, D.C.	Alpha Beta
1933	64th	Buffalo, New York	Buffalo Regional Council
1934	65th	Birmingham, Alabama	Alpha Xi
1935	66th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Zeta
1936	67th	Chicago, Illinois	Chicago Regional Council
1937	68th	Rochester, New York	Beta
1938	69th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Zeta, Alpha Kappa, Niagara Falls Alumni
1939	70th	Hamilton, Ontario	Alpha Nu Alumni, Grand Council
1940	71st	Buffalo, New York	Alpha Delta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Phi, Beta Eta
1941	72nd	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Zeta

No convocations held in 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1945 because of World War II.

1946	77th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Zeta
1947	78th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Zeta
1948	79th	Syracuse New York	Omicron
1949	80th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Zeta, Grand Council
1950	81st	Baltimore, Maryland	Beta Theta, Beta Iota
1951	82nd	Worcester, Massachusetts	Tau, Grand Council
1952	83rd	Syracuse, New York	Omicron, Grand Council
1953	84th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Kappa
1954	85th	Syracuse, New York	Omicron, Grand Council
1955	86th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Zeta, Alpha Kappa
1956	87th	Baltimore, Maryland	Baltimore Alumni Club
1957	88th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Zeta
1958	89th	Baltimore, Maryland	Alpha Chi
1959	90th	Toronto, Ontario	Toronto District Council
1960	91st	Baltimore, Maryland	Baltimore District Council
1961	92nd	Toronto, Ontario	Toronto District Council
1962	93rd	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Zeta
1963	94th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Gamma Mu
1964	95th	Baltimore, Maryland	Gamma Theta
1965	96th	Toronto, Ontario	Beta Zeta
1966	97th	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Alpha Psi
1967	98th	Toronto, Ontario	Beta Pi
1968	99th	Hamilton, Ontario	Grand Council
1969	100th	Toronto, Ontario	Centennial Committee

22nd Convocation
Brockport, New York
June 25th, 1891

The first meeting of chapters took place at the Grange Hall where the first Grand Council and Board of Directors were elected:

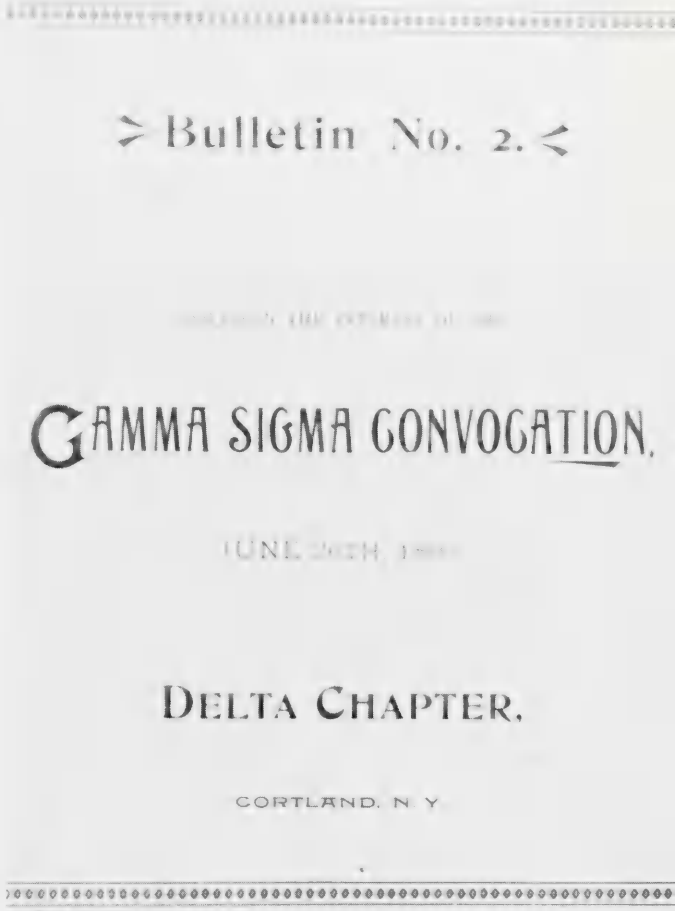
G. Pres.—John M. Milne, Alpha
G.V.P.O.—S. Scovil Chamberlain, Alpha
—Roy Wing, Beta
—I. J. Shultz, Gamma
G. Corr. Sect.—Richard L. Sanders, Beta
G. Rec. Sect.—Dr. Frank A. Winne, Alpha
G. Fin. Sect.—John D. Burns, Alpha
G. Treas.—Prof. Charles W. Smith, Alpha
G. Att.—George T. Quinby, Alpha
G. Chap.—Rev. William D. Holt, Alpha
Serg.-at-Arms—Irving M. Lewis, Alpha
Directors—Edward F. Wellington, Alpha
Charles H. Wiltsie, Alpha
Hon. George F. Yeoman, Alpha
Charles A. Widener, Alpha
G. Fort Slocum, Alpha

28th Convocation
Buffalo, New York
June 25th - 26th, 1897

The convention opened with a business meeting in the Orient Hall. A special chartered car gave the delegates a trolley excursion to Niagara Falls and Lewiston.

About one hundred of the delegates and alumni assembled at the Niagara Hotel where an elaborate banquet had been prepared. Hon. Frederick M. Ackerson, Alpha '89, was the Grand Orator. Speakers included Professor Charles D. McLean and John Norris Drake, Alpha '69. During the evening several songs, written especially for the occasion, were sung, accompanied by the Harp Orchestra of Buffalo.

The convocation closed with a fine boat ride on Lake Erie.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GAMMA SIGMA CONVOCATION.

DELTA CHAPTER.

CORTLAND, N. Y.

30th Convocation
Geneseo, New York
June 2nd - 3rd, 1899

This was the largest and most successful meeting to date. The constitution was amended to meet the demands of the rapidly increasing number of chapters.

The Arethusa Society gave an informal reception in the Normal School after which approximately one hundred members adjourned to the gymnasium for a banquet.

GAMMA SIGMA FRATERNITY

Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation
to be held with
Eta, Theta and Lambda Chapters
Chicago, Ill., July 1-4, 1903

CONVOCATION COMMITTEE
Walter D. Conner, Theta, Chairman
6100 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago
Allan Ross — Mills R. Smith
Douglas Millard — Henry Waller
E. Roscoe Parker — Howard C. Perrine

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Charles H. White, Delta, Chairman
Cortland, N. Y,
F. Clark Brown — Benjamin H. Dunn
Norman J. Westerhold — Wm. F. McGlashan

1903 Convocation Letterhead

34th Convocation
Chicago, Illinois
July 2nd - 4th, 1903

About thirty members from the eastern chapters and two hundred from the western were welcomed at the fraternity house in Hyde Park, followed by a reception in the Auditorium Hotel.

Two business meetings were held in Union Hall under the supervision of Grand President Perry M. Shepard, Theta '00. A banquet was also enjoyed.

36th Convocation
Rochester, New York
June 29th - July 1st, 1905

A smoker opened the convention. The delegates enjoyed a matinee at Cook's Theatre and a chartered trolley-car ride to Greenland followed by a steamer ride on Lake Ontario.

Hon. Frederick M. Ackerson, Alpha '89, was the Grand Orator speaking on the 'mission of Gamma Sigma'.

37th Convocation
Brockport, New York
June 26th - 28th, 1906

Over one hundred delegates were present representing each of the eighteen chapters. A baseball game between the married and the single men was followed by a smoker in the Acacia Club.

Business meetings were held in the Normal Hall of the Normal School. The Annual Dinner was served in the Normal gymnasium to two hundred members. Speakers included Dr. McFarland, Principal of Brockport Normal, and A. Judson Osborn, Alpha '69.

A trip in automobiles and carriages was made to Sunnyside Beach, thus closing the convention.

38th Convocation Letterhead — 1907

Committee
HAROLD H. EAGER
CHAIRMAN
CHARLES R. DRUM
FRANK H. BROWN
ARTHUR B. CHURCHELL
WALTER J. RALEIGH
HAMILTON H. BARNES
STUART F. RALEIGH

38TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

JUNE 27, 28, 29, 1907

No. 22 Peck-Warner Building — Syracuse, N. Y., _____ 190__

38th Convocation
Syracuse, New York
June 27th - 29th, 1907

One hundred and fifty members attended the reception and smoker at the Yates Hotel followed by an afternoon at the Valley Theatre and a trolley ride about the city.

The Annual Banquet was held at the hotel. Hon. G. Fort Slocum of Alpha was the Grand Orator. Dr. Paul Titus of Omicron spoke to the assembled members.

43rd Convocation
Buffalo, New York
June 25th - 27th, 1912

A smoker in the Lafayette Hotel welcomed the delegates to Buffalo. The members were entertained in Niagara Falls by Rho Chapter. An excursion to Erie Beach was also enjoyed by the delegates.

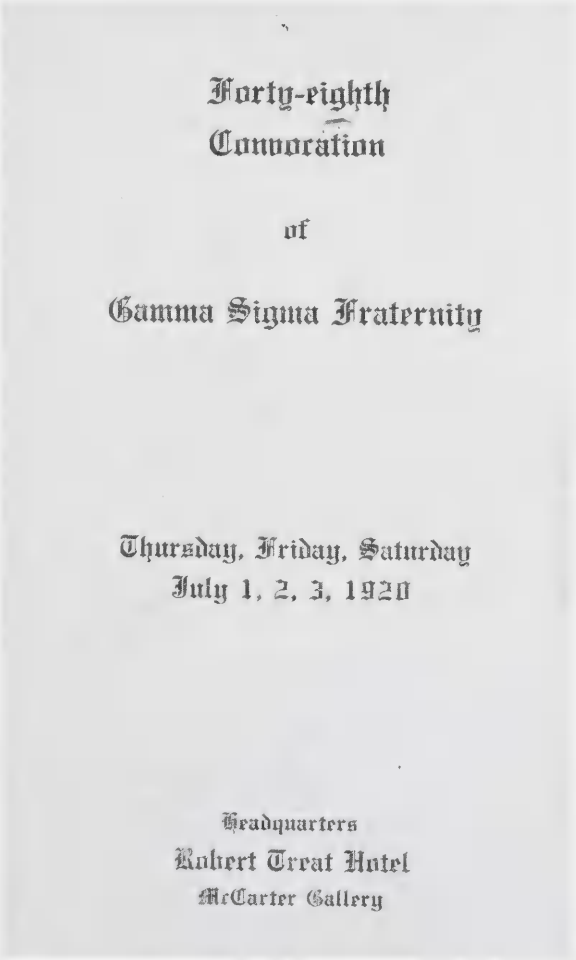
51st Convocation
Newark, New Jersey
July 1st - 3rd, 1920

The first post - war convention opened with a visit to New York City and Coney Island. However, business was of prime importance to the delegates. Because of the turmoil created by the war, representatives from only five chapters were present.

All efforts to locate fraternity records in Chicago failed and it fell upon the Newark convention to start anew. Forms, taken from the rituals of Omicron and Alpha Alpha were adopted. Other measures included the adoption of a membership script, acceptance of official hatband, authorization of Burr - Patterson of Detroit as official jewelers, authorization of a sister pin, adoption of the robes of Alpha Alpha as official, and acceptance of a petition of the Newark Alumni Club. Amendments to the Grand Constitution were adopted which constituted but one Grand Secretary and but one Grand Vice-President.

A banquet at the Robert Treat Hotel closed the convention.

Programme from 51st Convocation (Editor's note—Printed as 48th, war caused conventions to be misnamed).


Forty-eighth
Convocation

of

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
July 1, 2, 3, 1920

Headquarters
Robert Treat Hotel
McCarter Gallery

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

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To the Brethern of Gamma Sigma Fraternity, Greeting:

by these Presents, Know Ye That at the 39th annual Convocation of the Fraternity, held at Chicago, Ill with the Eta, Theta, Zumbda & Pi Chapters in the month of July 1908, the following named brethren were duly elected to the respective offices herein indicated. These officers assume office on the first day of October 1908, and hold office for one year, or until their successors are duly elected.

President Alonzo T. Hinkley Γ
85 Eagle St W. Buffalo N.Y.

Secretary H. Robert Neel B
102 Alliance Ave Rochester N.Y.

Treasurer Sanford S. Lewis X
76 Watson St Detroit Mich

Editor of ~~Pyramid Crescent~~ Zoe H. Pardridge Π
15 E 40th St Chicago

Keeper of Rolls Leslie C Brentnall Π
4621 Ellis Ave Chicago Ill

Attorney Wm. Clark H Hammond Γ

Chaplain Rev. Chas H Boynton A

Sergeant-at-Arms Lloyd Church H

The following named brothers were, by the favor of their brethren, selected to act as a Board of Trustees;

Chairman E. Roscoe Parker Θ
6362 Greenwood Ave Detroit Mich

1 Geo R Stapler A

2 Hon. Fred H Dickerson A

3 Arthur H. Gabel B

4 A B. Ryder A

Witness the hand and seal of the Secretary of Gamma Sigma Fraternity, this 28th day of August 1908.

H Robert Neel
Secretary.

52nd Convocation
Syracuse, New York
June 23rd - 25th, 1921

Delegates from six chapters and one alumni club registered at the Hotel Onondaga. The principal functions included three business sessions, a Convocation Ball, a smoker, an afternoon outing at Owasco Lake, and the Annual Banquet at the Osborne House in Auburn.

Among the many measures adopted at the convention were bills authorizing a certificate of membership, the discontinuance of Burr-Patterson as national jewelers, a *Pyramid-Crescent* tax of ten dollars per active chapter and club, establishment of a sinking fund under the direction of the Board of Trustees, and compilation of a roster of membership and also a roll of honour, containing the names of brothers who served in the war.

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

Brockport, N. Y.

Tuesday, June 27, 1922

2:30 P. M.—Registration
Normal Reception Room B. N. S.

7:00 P. M.—Get Together
Joint Session Room B. N. S.

Wednesday, June 28, 1922

9:00 A. M.—Business Session
Alpha Chapter Rooms B. N. S.

2:00 P. M.—Adjourned Business
Alpha Chapter Rooms B. N. S.

9:00 P. M.—Fraternity Dance
Normal Corridor B. N. S.

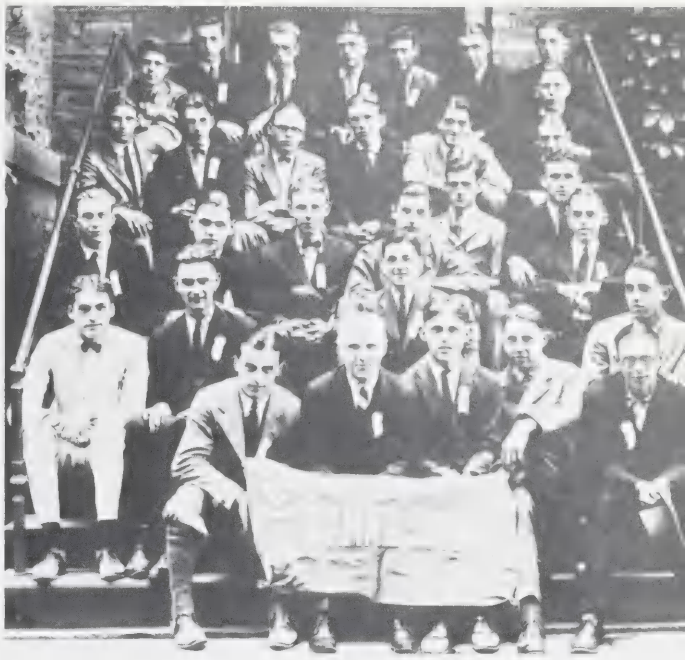
Thursday, June 29, 1922

9:00 A. M.—Final Business Session and Election of Officers
Alpha Chapter Rooms B. N. S.

12.00 M.—Convocation Picture
Normal Campus B. N. S.

2:00 P. M.—Picnic at Lake Ontario
Troutburg

7:00 P. M.—Banquet
Hotel Brockport



1922 Convocation Picture
Front row, l. to r.: Courtland C. Smith, Gamma (G.C.S.), Preston M. Holmes, Gamma (G.P.O.), unknown, Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha (G.R.S.).

53rd Convocation
Brockport, New York
June 27th - 29th, 1922

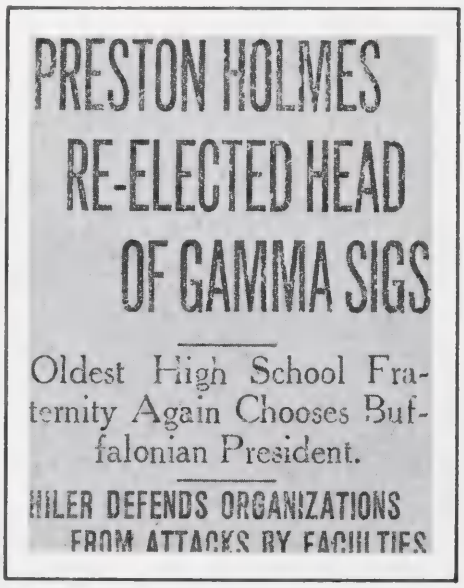
Amendments to the Grand Constitution were adopted which gave each chapter the right to determine their own active and passive membership, gave the Grand Officers the power to enter upon their duties one week after their election, inserted an opening prayer into each chapter ritual, restricted the funds of the Grand Chapter to the general expense and creation of chapters and the expenses of Convocation to the entertaining chapter, authorized the annual observance of Founder's Day on October 11th, levied a 10% profits tax on each chapter dance or other social activity, and alllowed the Grand Officers 50% travelling expenses to and from Convocation.

The crowning event was the Banquet held at the Hotel Brockport. Harold G. Dobson, Alpha '00, presided over the ceremonies and introduced the Grand Orator, Rev. William H. Sybrandt, Alpha '69.

54th Convocation
Buffalo, New York
June 27th - 30th, 1923

All but the distant chapters of Washington, D.C. and Malden, Massachusetts registered full delegations. Young ladies attending the Ball received Gamma Sigma scarf pins and the gentlemen were presented with fraternity charms. The reports from all chapters showed great progress during the previous year, especially in membership and activities. After considerable deliberation, Jugerson and Suttner of Buffalo were adopted as official jewelers. The robes and badges of Gamma Chapter were adopted by the Grand Chapter, the colour arrangement of the pledge pin was reversed, and every member was required to purchase an official badge within two weeks of his initiation.

The Annual Banquet closed the convention. George H. Raymond, Alpha '69, acted as Grand Orator and the convention closed with the Fraternity Anthem.


PRESTON HOLMES RE-ELECTED HEAD OF GAMMA SIGS

Oldest High School Fraternity Again Chooses Buffalonian President.

HILER DEFENDS ORGANIZATIONS FROM ATTACKS BY FACULTIES

55th Convocation
Niagara Falls, New York
June 26th - 28th, 1924

The old Rho Chapter had been reactivated during the previous year and acted as host of the convention. The business meetings were held in the American Legion Rooms and were presided over by Grand Recording Secretary Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha '20. A special tax of $1.00 per capita was levied on each chapter and the By-Laws were revised.

Among the events were an informal party, a trip to see the Falls, a picnic, and the Annual Banquet held in the Prospect House. Past Grand President Hon. Frederick M. Ackerson, Alpha '89, acted as the Grand Orator.

Program

Fifty-Fifth Annual

Gamma Sigma Convocation

Niagara Falls, New York

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1924

9:00 - 12:00 Registration of Delegates
2:00 - 6:00 Registration of Delegates
8:00 - 10:30 Get-Together Meeting. Delegates, Active and Passive Brothers

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1924

9:00 - 12:00 Business Meeting
2:00 - 6:00 Business Meeting
8:00 - 10:30 Banquet at Prospect House

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1924

9:00 - 12:00 Business Meeting
2:00 - 6:00 Business Meeting if Necessary, if not Scenic Trip
8:00 - 12:00 Big Surprise

Note: All business meetings will be held in the American Legion Rooms at 121 Falls St.

, JUNE 30, 1925

Two Newarkers Elected Officers Of Fraternity Convening in City

Two Newark men were elected as national officers of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity at yesterday afternoon's session of the annual convention at the Robert Treat Hotel. They were Halsey G. Bechtel Jr. of 296 Roseville avenue, elected second vice president, and Frederick J. Waltzinger of 60 Vassar avenue, elected the fraternity's attorney.

Fred H. Covert of Brockport, N. Y., was elected president. Other officers are: First vice president, William W. Chance Jr. of Washington; secretary, Wilson Ferguson, and treasurer, William McDonald, both of Buffalo; custodian, Harold G. Dolson; chaplain, Rev. William H. Sybrandt, and sergeant-at-arms, Donald C. Hiler, the last named three of Brockport.

Last night a banquet was held at the hotel, at which E. Wood Gauss of this city served as toastmaster. The delegates drove to Asbury Park today, where the convention will end. Next year's convention will be held in Boston.

Newspaper clipping (above) describes 1925 Convocation.

56th Convocation
Newark, New Jersey
June 28th - 30th, 1925

The convention opened with a smoker and was highlighted by an outing to Asbury Park on the Jersey shore and a Ball held at the Robert Treat Hotel.

57th Convocation
Washington, D.C.
June 23rd - 26th, 1926

The convocation events consisted of three business sessions, a smoker, a swimming party at the Congressional Country Club, and a breakfast at the convention headquarters, the Mayflower Hotel. The Annual Banquet was held at Maison Rauscher.

1926 Newspaper clipping of the 57th Convocation Banquet.

NOBODY BLINKED—These Gamma Sigma fraternity men, who can call Vice President Dawes "brother," fearlessly kept their eyes opened when the flashlight popped, at their banquet in Rauscher's.

—Herald Staff Photo

Order of Dancing

1 Grand March—"Cock-A-Doodle ," "My Baby's Back."

2 Fox Trot—"How Could Red Riding Hood."

3 Fox Trot—"Sam, The Old Accordian Man."

4 Waltz—"Cheritza."

5 —"German."

6 Fox Trot—"Crazy Words," "Crazy Tune."

INTERMISSION

Order of Dancing

7 Fox Trot—"Yankee Rose."

8 Waltz—"In a Little Spanish Town."

9 Fox Trot—"Blue Skies."

10 —"German."

11 Fox Trot—"Crazy Quilt."

12 Waltz—"Tonight You Belong to Me."

1 Extra Fox Trot—"Ace in the Hole."

2 Extra Fox Trot—"St. Louis Blues."

BY

George Dunham

AND HIS

"Music"

Soft Drinks and Candy

on Sale at Candy Booth

One-Half Hour Concert Program

8:45 to 9:15 o'clock

First Dance Starts at 9:15 o'clock

1927 Convocation Ball programme (above) and 1928 newspaper clipping (below).

Convention At Easter

Gamma Sigma Holds 59th Session

Gamma Sigma will hold its 59th annual convention in Syracuse during Easter week, it was announced yesterday. The social program for the convention was outlined by G. Edward Tickner, chairman of the convention.

Registration of delegates and sightseeing trips will take place April 12, the first, followed by a reception to delegates that night at the Onondaga Hotel. Friday, April 13, will be devoted to business sessions. The convention ball will take place that night.

Election of officers and the final business sessions will take place Saturday. William G. Kennedy of Syracuse, grand president, will preside at all meetings.

61st Convocation
Rochester, New York
August 28th - 30th, 1930

Four business sessions were held, all presided over by 1st G.V.P.O. James E. Garrigus, Gamma '27, due to the illness of Grand President Terhune of Rho. Of prime concern to the delegates was discussion of ways and means of breaking down opposition to Gamma Sigma, especially in Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois.

The banquet closed the convention. Speakers included United States Representative Richard L. Saunders, Chief Justice of the New York Court of Claims, Hon. Frederick M. Ackerson of Alpha, Judge William C. Kohlmetz of Monroe County Court, and Assistant District Attorney of Monroe County Frederick S. Holbrook of Alpha.

Delegates to the 61st [illegible] Gamma Sigma Fraternity [illegible] down to serious business [illegible] F. Cowman, Syracuse [illegible] Battle Jr., Washington, D. C. [illegible]

Newspaper clippings (above and below) and programme (right) tell the story of the 61st Convocation.

New national officers of Gamma Sigma Fraternity, from left James E. Garrigus, Lima, O., grand president; Frederick E. Rudman, Brockport, chairman of committee on chapters and general chairman of the convention; William B. Hales, Washington, D. C., first grand vice-president.

THE
61th. NATIONAL CONVOCATION
—of the—
Fraternity of Gamma Sigma

AUGUST 28-29-30 1930

Hotel Seneca, Rochester, N. Y.

Alpha

Thursday all Day

Registering Guests.... .... Mezz

Thursday Afternoon

THEATRE AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Thursday Evening, 9 o'clock

Reception in.... .... Main Ballroom

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock

Business Session .... Blue Parlor

Friday Afternoon, 2 o'clock

Business Session ....Blue Parlor

Friday Evening, 10 o'clock

Convocation Ball ... . Main Ballroom

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock

Business Session ... . Blue Parlor

Saturday Afternoon, 2 o'clock

Business Session ... . Blue Parlor

Saturday Evening, 6:30 o'clock

Banquet ... . Main Ballroom

Committee

Frederick S. Holbrook ....*General Chairman*
Fredkrick E. Rudman..... *Executive Chairman*
Donald McCracken Edward Rayburn
Charles Bailey Warren Hill
Robert Lincoln G. Bennett Thompson

62nd Convocation
Hamilton, Ontario
August 27th - 29th, 1931

Twenty-two chapters were represented. A drinking song, written by S. Ramsay Lees of Alpha Nu, was added to the official songs. The Convocation Ball was held at the Royal Connaught Hotel. Compacts, embossed with the fraternity crest, and leather cigarette cases were distributed as favours.

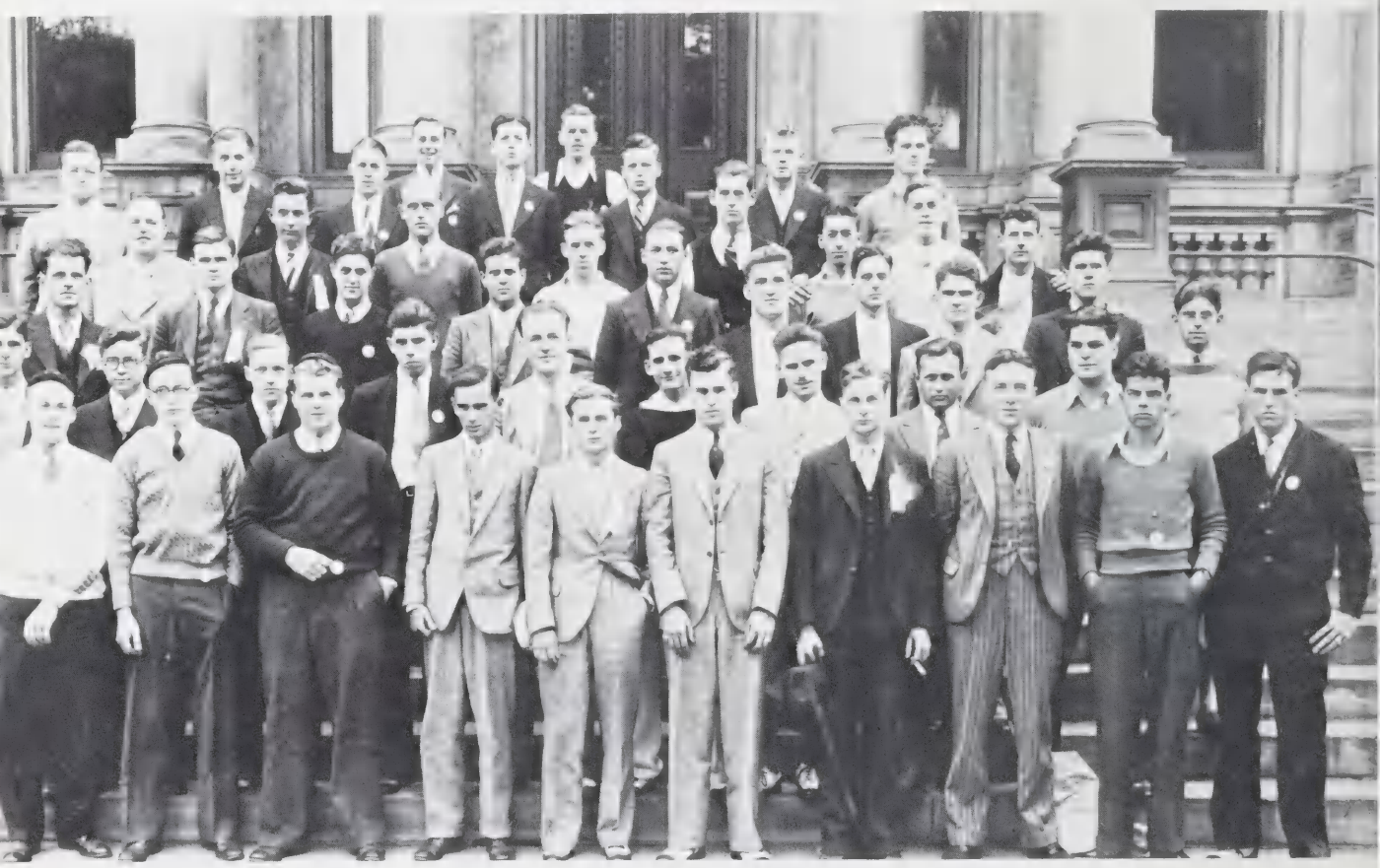
The banquet closed the convention and many brothers left for Toronto to visit the Canadian National Exhibition.

GAMMA SIGMA OFFICIALS

ARTHUR W. WHITE, JUN.
President of the Alpha Nu chapter, Hamilton branch, of the Gamma Sigma fraternity.

GARNER A. HAYES
Chairman of the convention committee of the Gamma Sigma fraternity, which is holding its 62nd annual convention in Hamilton this week.

62nd Convocation Picture taken in 1931 on the steps of the Hamilton Court House.



Delegates to the 1932 Convocation pose with United States President Herbert Hoover on the lawn of the White House (above) and card (bottom) announce 65th Convocation in Birmingham, Alabama.

63rd Convocation
Washington, D.C.
Sept. 1st - 3rd, 1932

Delegates representing eighteen chapters registered at the Mayflower Hotel. Important business included the adoption of a new fraternity ritual for formal initiation, the establishment of a Trust Fund for all Balfour royalties, a revision of the Grand Constitution, and the elimination of all chapter debts from 1928-1932 due to the stock market crash.

64th Convocation
Buffalo, New York
August 23rd - 26th, 1933

The Buffalo Regional Council comprised of Gamma, Alpha Delta, Alpha Lambda, and Alpha Phi welcomed delegates at the Hotel Statler. The agenda included six business sessions, a golf tournament, a trip through the *Courier-Express* Newspaper plant, a beach party, a tea dance, the Convocation Ball, and the banquet. The convention was concluded with an all-day trip to the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto aboard the Canadian Steamship Liner "Cayuga". A dance was held aboard the "Cayuga".

FRATERNITY MEETS HERE—Jack Thompson, committee chairman, Edward C. Peckham, treasurer, and Garner A. Havers, president, at Gamma Sigma Fraternity convention being held in the Mayflower Hotel.

HOT ZIGGITY!

It Looks Like

BIRMINGHAM

For Our

NEXT CONVENTION

64th Convocation Photo taken in 1933 at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N.Y. (above) and 1933 Convocation Committee (left).

Back, l. to r.: Robert C. Sanborn, Frederic H. Mott, James F. Shrader, Richard Danat.
Front, l. to r.: Jack A. Striker, Gamma (Grand President elect); James J. Driscoll.

PYRAMID & CRESCENT

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1935 Convention at Niagara Falls Was Huge Success

Edward C. Peckham
Elected Grand President

The General Brock Hotel of Niagara Falls, Ontario, proved itself to be the logical headquarters for 1935 Convocation of Gamma Sigma Fraternity. Niagara Falls with its many tourist attractions drew membership from eighteen chapters entertaining some two hundred delegates. During the days of August 22, 23, and 24, the coloured fez of the men of Gamma Sigma was to be seen at every point of interest around Niagara.

Immediately following registrations, the festivities commenced with the "Get Together Dance," in the ballroom of the General Brock Hotel at 10:00 a.m., Thursday. The Sororities of Niagara Falls, co-operated to make this event a successful one and started convocation activities off on the right foot.

The "Smoker and Reception" in the evening qualified as up to expectations and the Brothers were given an opportunity to really meet again. However, the Grand Ceremonial Dinner of the Oriental Order of Ouplah Ziplah, which immediately followed at the Black Horse Tavern in Stamford, capped the days' events with a bang and certainly established Ouplah Ziplah as a sure thing.

Friday the 23rd ushered in the "Grand Convocation Ball," and saw three hundred rollickers making merry.

Saturday the 24th terminated many delightful dates in the form of a "Tea Dance" in the main ballroom of the General Brock Hotel. Inauguration of the new officers and a talk by Alan V. Parker, United States Commissioner, featured the Grand Banquet in the evening.

Edward C. Peckham was the choice of the delegates for Grand President and it may be here mentioned that credit is due to Brother Peckham and Brother Tom Oliver for the way Convocation was handled this year. Brother Peckham is certainly a worthy man for the position of Grand President and will certainly be instrumental in any advancement made by Gamma Sigma during the office.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Gr. Pres., Edward C. Peckham, Niagara Falls, Ont.
1st Vice-Pres., Irving Peterman, Chicago, Ill.
2nd Vice-Pres., Wesley Wooden, Rochester, N.Y.
3rd Vice-Pres., Gurdon Montague, Syracuse, N.Y.
Gen. Sec., Paul K. Dougherty, Rochester, N.Y.
Grand Treas., Gordon Frost, Niagara Falls.
Grand Mar., Regeis Kennedy, Buffalo, N.Y.

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THINK

You are the fellow who has to decide
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside.
You are the fellow who makes up your mind,
Whether you'll lead or linger behind.
Take it or leave it, here's something to do.
Just think it over—it's all up to you.
Your subscription to "PYRAMID AND CRESCENT" is due now.

1936 Convention In Chicago

Committee Already Active—5 Chapters as Hosts

Burt Richardson, Chairman

Close on the heels of the decision of the 1935 Convention to award the '36 conclave to Chicago comes the news that the men in the Windy City are already active on Convocation arrangements.

The strength of the Chicago bid for the annual gathering was a big surprise to the assembled delegates at Niagara Falls and despite the activity of the "Rochester Next!" group the members in attendance seemed to anticipate a visit to the mid-western metropolis with such enthusiasm that Chicago was awarded the Convention.

Since this decision was reached the Chicago delegates have been far from inactive and plans are already well under way for the next annual get-together. Immediately on their return home a mass meeting of all Chicago members was called and at this meeting the Convention Committee recommendations were drawn up. A decision was reached that all five Chicago Chapters, namely Theta, Alpha Eta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Mu, Alpha Rho, would act as joint hosts and a committee representative of all five chapters was consequently elected.

Burt Richardson past Grand Vice-President, and one of Chicago's most active younger alumni, was awarded the Chairmanship at this gathering. Irving L. Peterman, The SWOOZ, was elected Treasurer, and Russ St. Clair, also a most active Chicago brother, as Executive Secretary. To aid them the following men were appointed: Otto Seifert, at one time editor of the P.-C., Fred Seclack, past Grand Vice-President, Jack Lannin, Bob Farman. In addition to these appointments vacancies have been

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1935 *Pyramid and Crescent* reports on 66th Convocation and previews 67th convention.

Photo taken in Niagara Falls, N.Y. after 1935 smoker.
Rear, l. to r.: Willard Hendrick, Kenneth Wisby, Stuart Biddle, Norman Maves.
Middle, l. to r.: Sidney Maves, Robert Harra, Donald Thomas, James Wilson.
Front, l. to r.: Pierce Robinson, Roland Lee. (All brothers from Wilmington, Delaware and Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Photo taken at 1935 Ouplah Ziplah in the Black Horse Tavern at 2 a.m. (Irving Peterman (Swooz) in leopard skin).

67th Convocation
Chicago, Illinois
September 3rd - 5th, 1936

Convention headquarters was the Congress Hotel and was sponsored by the Chicago Regional Council composed of Theta, Alpha Eta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Mu, and Alpha Rho Chapters. The delegates considered and turned down the idea of a paid full-time Executive-Secretary. A new Grand Seal was purchased and the Board was instructed to invest 50% of the Royalty Fund.

Hail to 1936!

1871 Will Be Remembered for

The BIG Chicago Fire.

1933 Will Be Remembered for

The BIG Chicago World's Fair.

1936 Will Be Remembered for

The BIG Chicago Convention.

1936 CONVOCATION COMMITTEE

68th Convocation
Rochester, New York
August 26th - 28th, 1937

Ten chapters were represented at the Hotel Seneca. The delegates voted to remain active in the Inter-Fraternity Conference, Honor Awards were introduced by Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, chapter taxes were lowered from $40. to $10. per year, and recognition cards were adopted.

68th ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

AUGUST 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, 1937

HEADQUARTERS SENECA HOTEL
BETA Rochester, N. Y.

Wednesday

Familiarization of Rochester through our sponsored advertisers, etc.

Thursday

9:00 a.m.	Registration on Mezzanine
10:00 p.m.	Preliminary Business Conference, Red Room.
2:00 p.m.	Swim session at Brother Cook's Health Resort, Island Cottage, Lake Ontario.
8:30 p.m. - 9:00	Jam session at Brother Kinsella's.
9:00 p.m.	Smoker at Kinsella's.
12:30 a.m.	Ouplah Ziplah Jamboree.

Friday

10:00 a.m.	Business Conference, Red Room.
1:00 p.m.	Convention Picture, Main Quadrangle, Men's Campus, University of Rochester.
2:00 p.m.	Trip to Brockport.
10:00 p.m.	Grand Ball, Seneca Hotel, Ball Room.

Saturday

10:00 a.m.	Final Business session, Election of Officers, Red Room.
2:00 p.m.	Tea Dance, Seneca Hotel, Palm Lounge.
7:00 p.m.	Grand Banquet. Inauguration of Grand Officers, Ball Room.

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1937 Convocation Committee

Rear, l. to r.: William Meier, Robert W. Maher, Edward T. Cater, Thomas E. Kinsella.
Front: Henry W. O'Neill (Secretary), Albert G. Frank (Treasurer), Robert J. Casey (Chairman), D. Carl Wolever.

GAMMA SIGMA HOLDS DINNER

The spirit of fraternity is the most powerful war preventive at work today, Fred S. Holbrook, Democratic candidate for district attorney, told nearly 100 high school youths last night in Hotel Seneca at the banquet of Gamma Sigma Fraternity, which has been holding its annual convention since Thursday.

Holbrook is president of Brockport's chapter of Gamma Sigma. He presented the convention a gavel that was given him in 1898 upon his election to that office.

"When men look upon one another as brothers they aren't apt to go to war," he declared. "It is the spirit of fraternity which creates peace."

Dr. Arthur W. Evans was also speaker at the banquet, which concluded the three-day meet.

Gamma Sigma Convocation Closes Today

Three local men elected to the executive; Grand banquet tonight

Last evening 250 attended the sixty-ninth Anniversary Convocation Ball of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity, at the Hotel General Brock, which brought to a close two days of the Fraternity convocation. Jack Brown who is a member of the fraternity, and his orchestra, supplied music for dancing, which began at 10.00 o'clock, and the Crystal Ballroom was filled with merrymakers who declared the ball to be the most successful held i nseveral years.

Yesterday afternoon closed with the annual election of officers, the results of which are as follows: International Grand President, Robert M. Weir of Malden, Mass; First Vice-President, Robert Christopher of this city; Second Vice-President, Henry O'Neill, Rochester, N.Y., Third Vice-President, Duncan VanCleef, Syracuse, N.Y.; General Secretary, Bernard Biggard, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Grand Treasurer, Thomas Buchanan, Merritton, Ont; Grand Marshall, Bert McClelland, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Chairman Board of Trustees, Edward C. Peckham, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Chairman of Committee on Chapters, Willard Hendrick, Willington, Del.

This morning international unity was the theme of the sessions, when it was pointed out that the internatioal brotherhood of the Gamma Sigma is the oldest secondary school fraternity on the North American continent, which at the present time is spreading goodwill between Canada and the United States.

This afternoon a tea dance will take place at the Brock to be attended by delegates and guests.

This evening the Grand Convocational Banquet will be the focal point of the convention. Elaborate plans for the dinner and the following entertainment were made this morning by a special banquet committee.

Garner Havers of Hamilton, and Past Grand President of the organization will be the chief speaker. At the close of the dinner awards for outstanding work in the fraternity will be presented by President Weir .

69th Convocation
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 25th - 27th, 1938

Of prime importance was the legislation considered and passed. Ritualistic medallions were adopted for the first time in the fraternity's history, an official Sweetheart Pin was adopted, the Efficiency Trophy was put into competition, money was allotted from the Trust Fund to have uniform ritual books and educational materials for pledges printed, an official application form was adopted, and the Ancient and Mystic Order of Ouplah Ziplah was recognized as an "inner order".

70th Convocation
Hamilton, Ontario
August 23rd - 26th, 1939

Sponsorship was shared by the Grand Council and Alpha Nu Alumni. A new bookkeeping system was introduced and the Grand Treasurer was bonded. A motion to purchase a new mimeograph machine was defeated by the delegates.

HAMILTON, CANADA
HOST TO
GAMMA SIGMA'S
Biggest and Best Convention
AUGUST 23-24-25-26, 1939

COMPLIMENTS
HAMILTON TOURIST & CONVENTION BUREAU

70th Convocation photo taken at the Royal Connaught Hotel in 1939

L. to r.: Ralph Wickett, Alpha Nu (Grand Treasurer); L. Patrick Ryan, Alpha Zeta (3rd G.V.P.O.); Norman C. Dodge, Kappa (General Secretary); Cecil McTaggert, Alpha Phi (1st G.V.P.O.); Robert G. Christopher, Alpha Zeta (G.P.O.); Henry W. O'Neill, Beta (2nd G.V.P.O.).

72nd Convocation
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 28th - 30th, 1941

A cup for convocation attendance was offered by the L. G. Balfour Company. There was a lengthy discussion on the condition of the fraternity and the availability of remaining capable members who could last out the year before being called to war duty was considered.

77th Convocation
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 22nd - 24th, 1946

A new Grand Constitution was accepted for a period of one year, to be revised then if necessary. The Gamma Sigma Creed, written by Robert Weir, Kappa, was adopted by the delegates. The Ouplah Ziplah was reorganized and a committee was established to reorganize and publish the forms of the fraternity.

1946 Convocation Committee
Alpha Zeta Chapter

71st Annual Convocation photo taken in Buffalo, New York in 1940.

NIAGARA'S INVITATION TO A PEACETIME CONVOCATION

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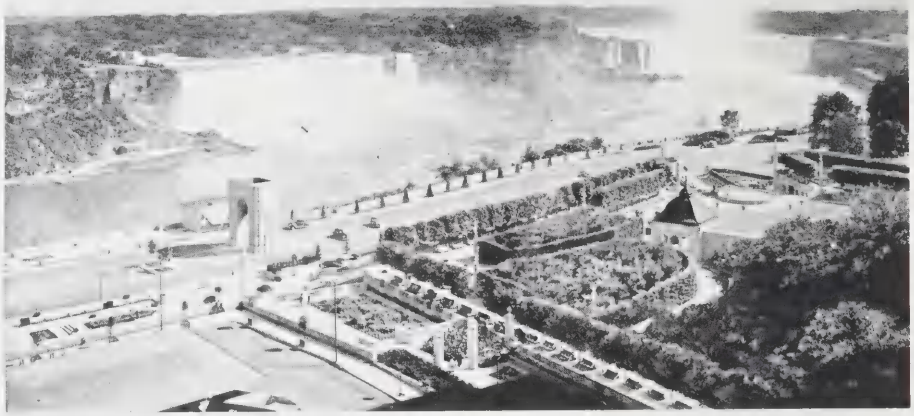


Alpha Zeta presents your

CONVOCATION

AUGUST 22, 23, 24, 1946

Five years ago–72nd Convocation. Yes, Gams, that was the last time we had an International Re-union. Since that time there's been a lot of big things–wars, floods, happiness, heartbreaks. There's been everything but a Convocation. Well, this August 22, 23, 24 brings the first in five years – the biggest and best Gamma Sigma has ever had. Most of us are new to Gamma Sigma – all the more reason for a full attendance. Alpha Zeta is your host and the General Brock your rendezvous. . . .

See You There

Bulletin announces first post-war convocation.

Gamma Sigma Election Held

Albert Frank of Rochester, N. Y. was elected grand president of Gamma Sigma Fraternity at sessions of the 78th annual convocation held yesterday afternoon at the General Brock Hotel. Mr. Frank received the congratulations of the immediate past grand president, Charles W. Hedricks of Wilmington, Delaware, and fraternity brothers from many Canadian and American cities attending the three-day convention.

Elected to serve on the new executive with Mr. Frank were Ray Bevans, Baltimore, Maryland, first grand vice-president; Terry Green of Syracuse, N. Y., second grand vice-president; Frank Cooper, this city, third grand vice-president; Dick Woodruff, this city, grand secretary; Ward Dean of Niagara Falls, N. Y., grand treasurer; Dennis Peppeall, this city, assistant treasurer; Bill Baird, this city, grand marshal; Robert M. Weir, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Harold W. Dobson of Brockport, N. Y., grand custodian; Fred Holbrook of Rochester, N. Y., grand attorney.

Harold W. Dobson will be the guest speaker at the grand banquet at the General Brock Hotel, this evening concluding the convocation.

Marie Krick Is Miss Gamma Sigma

Miss Marie Krick, 17, of Brantford, formerly of this city, was chosen Miss Gamma Sigma at the Fraternity convocation grand ball held last evening in the Crystal Ballroom of the General Brock Hotel. Selection of the "Queen of the Evening" conducted during a grand march held at intermission was made by the past grand president, Charles W. Hendricks of Wilmington, Delaware, assisted by the newly-elected grand president, Albert Frank of Rochester.

Miss Gamma Sigma was crowned by Mr. Hendricks who in congratulating her, presented a bouquet of roses. Miss Ella Mae Brown, who was named Miss Gamma Sigma last year, was among the guests and was also presented with a bouquet of roses by Mr. Frank.

Miss Krick who was smartly frocked in summer black, was escorted by Mr. Richard Ainsbury of this city.

The enjoyable Fraternity affair was largely attended by Gamma Sigma delegates from any points in the United States and Canada and by members whose homes are along the Niagara frontier. Bruce Anthony and his orchestra of St. Catharines played for dancing.

1947 Convocation Committee

Rear, l. to r.: Frank Cooper, William Baird, Neal Geisenhoff.
Front, l. to r.: Paul Coulson, George Biggs.

Grand President Charles W. Hendrick, Alpha Psi, crowns Miss Gamma Sigma, Marie Krick (right) and 1947 newspaper clipping (left).

Gamma Sigma Quartette makes an appearance (right)

79th Convocation
Syracuse, New York
August 12th - 14th, 1948

The delegates agreed to the purchase of an automatic mimeograph machine, convocation tax was abolished, Council taxes were raised to $25. per chapter, and a general review of paddling was called for.

Delegates and girls enjoy outing at Drumlins during 1948 Convocation.

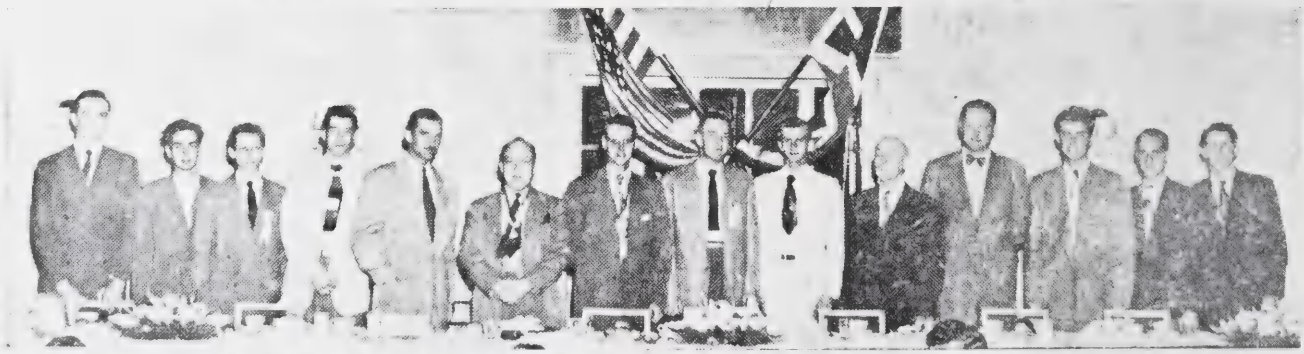
80th Convocation
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 25th - 27th, 1949

For the first time in the history of Gamma Sigma, the *Pyramid and Crescent* was to be distributed free to the chapters. A complete business session was spent on discussion of chapter conditions and activity. A zone system resulted which divided the fraternity into four zones under Zone Directors responsible to the First Grand Vice-President. This was the beginning of the present-day Supervisor system. The Efficiency Trophy point system was revised and the means of awarding the G.H.K. was clarified.

Frank Cooper Jr. Named President Gamma Sigma Int.

Newspaper clipping shows head table at 80th Convocation.

Head Table At Gamma Sigma Grand Banquet



Shown above at the head table at the grand banquet of the 80th convocation of Gamma Sigma International, on Saturday at the General Brock Hotel, were from left to right, Jack Egan, Syracuse, N.Y., Bob Campbell, Stamford, Paul Coulson, this city; Bill Murray, Syracuse, N.Y., Thomas O. Oliver, Toronto; A. G. Frank, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Rochester, N.Y., Arthur Ward Dean, Frank E. Cooper, Jr., this city; Donald Crounse, Arlington, Virginia; W. F. Tane, George Hamilton, this city; Roly Lee, Horace Neal and Jack Burnett, this city. —Review photo and engraving.

1949 Grand Ball

L. to r.: Frank Cooper, Alpha Zeta (G.P.O.); Mary Antonio, Miss Gamma Sigma; Hugh Haswell, Alpha Kappa; Albert Frank, Beta (Ch. of Bd.); Arthur Dean, Rho (P.G.P.O.); Paul Coulson, Alpha Zeta (Convo. Chairman).

80th Anniversary Convocation

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

AUGUST 25th, 26th, 27th, 1949

Alpha Zeta Chapter - Grand Council

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24th—

8.00 p.m.—Pre-Convocation rendezvous, Brock Lobby.

THURSDAY, AUG. 25th—

9.00 a.m.—Registration of Delegates (billets & dates.

10 a.m. - 12 a.m.—Grand Council Meeting, American Room.

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.—First General Business Session, American Room.

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.—Smoker, Stone Castle, Ferry Ave., Niagara Falls, N.Y. Floor show 9.30 p.m.

12.00 p.m. - ?—Nocturnal Escapades of Oriental and Mystic Order of Ouplah Ziplah.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26th—

a.m.—Morning free for sight-seeing, golf, horseback riding, etc.

2.00 - 4.00—Second General Business Session. Election of Grand Council Officers - Charlie's Birch Room, Highway No. 8.
(a) Group pictures, (b) Officers pictures.

4.00 - 6.00—Plunge Party at Cyanamid Pool.

6.00 p.m.—Dutch Supper at Charlie's.

9.00 - 1.00—Grand Ball, Crystal Ballroom.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27th—

2.00 p.m.—Final Business Session, American Room.

7.00 - 10—Grand Banquet, General Brock.

11.00—Farewell parties, sojourn to Fraternal Habitants.

81st Convocation
Baltimore, Maryland
August 24th - 26th, 1950

By his election, Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, became the first four-time Grand President in the history of Gamma Sigma. New legislation was a most important result of the three business sessions. On a recommendation of A. Raymond Bevans, speaking on behalf of the Baltimore Alumni Club, a legacy letter was adopted whereby the son of a Gamma Sig would receive a bid to join the fraternity at birth. Medallions were created for the offices of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Custodian, Grand Attorney, Editor of the *Pyramid and Crescent*, and the Chairman of the Board. The certificate of achievement, later the certificate of merit, made its first appearance. Three new trophies were introduced: Gwynn Engel Memorial Convocation Attendance Trophy, presented by the Baltimore Alumni Club, and the Convocation Achievement Award and the Fidelity Trophy, both presented by Robert Weir.

81st Convocation Banquet
Baltimore, Maryland

PRESENTS THE SWEETHEART RING

Robert M. Weir of Medford, grand president, presents the Sweetheart Ring to Miss Betty Ann Ross of Arlington, Va., while George A. Matthews of 14 Michigan road, grand president-elect, aids with a bit of handholding. Miss Ross last night was crowned queen of the Gamma Sigma convention at a Hotel Sheraton dance.

82nd Convocation
Worcester, Massachusetts
August 23rd - 25th, 1951

There were some revisions to the Grand Constitution concerning Grand Officers. A Grand Vice-President was established as well as a Northern, Eastern, and Southern Grand Vice-President. The Office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer and a National Councillor were also created. Highlight of the convention was the presentation of the Confederate Flag of America, the "Stars and Bars", to the fraternity by the large southern delegation.

83rd Convocation
Syracuse, New York
August 27th - 30th, 1952

The Greek-letter recognition pin was adopted by the delegates who also welcomed a new manual compiled by Frank E. Cooper, Alpha Zeta '44, and James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50.

HERE IT IS!!

YOUR 83rd ANNUAL CONVENTION

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

AUGUST 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 1952

OMICRON CHAPTER SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Registration Booth — Hotel Onondaga

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 —
3:30 P. M. Registration

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 —
10:00 A. M. Grand Council Meeting, Parlor D
2:00 P. M. General Business Session, Parlor D
7:00 P. M. **Dutch Treat Spaghetti Dinner** at Bersani's, 518 Kirkpatrick Street—Corner of Carbon
9:30 P. M. "SMOKER" at P.L.A.V. Post 14—1201 W. Genesee St.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 —
FREE MORNING
2:00 P. M. General Business Session, Parlor D
9:00 P. M. Grand Ball—Onondaga Ballroom

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 —
ALL DAY SWIM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 —
— FREE MORNING —
2:00 P. M. Final Business Session, Parlor D
7:00 P. M. Grand Convocation Banquet, Hotel Onondaga Louie Room — Inauguration of Grand Officers

84th Convocation A Success

Canadians Win Gamma Sigma Awards And Serve Council

The four-day International Convocation of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity which concluded its session at the Hotel Sheraton Brock on Saturday evening, proved to be one of the greatest conclaves since pre-war days. Every chapter in the Gamma Sigma realm from Arlington, Virginia to Toronto had delegates in attendance. Besides this two new chapters were officially charted into the Fraternity, one from Baltimore and Alpha Sigma Chapter from St. Catharines, which was inducted at Eddie Rix Restaurant last Wednesday evening.

The following local members were elected to Grand Council positions for the coming year: Douglas Barratt of the Azak Alumni elected to the office of northern vice president. Robert Read of Alpha Kappa Chapter elected to Canadian treasurer and Brian O'Heany now of Toronto to the post of Grand Marshal.

Magistrate Johnstone Roberts was returned by acclamation to the position of Grand Attorney. Patrick Ryan also from Azak Alumni was returned by acclamation to director of Alumni affairs.

Robert McAdorey retired Canadian treasurer and past president of Alpha Kappa Chapter was honored at the grand banquet by receiving the coveted gold honor key for outstanding service locally and internationally. Pat Ryan is the new holder of the Fidelity award which this year was a desk set with the Gamma Sigma coat of arms.

W. F. Tane, a member and advisor to Alpha Zeta Chapter and retired principal of NFCVI, was honored for his service to Gamma Sigma by receiving a silver honor pin. He was lauded for his service to the local chapter and, also for revising the fraternity creed.

The highlight of the convocation socially, was the grand ball Friday evening in the Crystal Ballroom. Over 400 members and their guests danced to the music of Boo Carpenter and were entertained by the Gamma Sigma quartette of Wes Schwab, Ted McQuade, Jim Nicks, John Dell. Jack Burnett was the master of ceremonies for the evening. Many novelty dances were enjoyed with convocation classman Steve Kovacks presenting crested prizes. The grand march was led by past president, Don Crounse of Virginia and Kurt Cannon new international president, from Syracuse, N.Y.

JAMES DARRAH, B.A., LL.B. who was the guest speaker at the grand banquet of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity held Saturday evening.

BOB McADOREY the winner of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity's highest award, the Gold Honor Key.

At the close of the grand march pretty Miss Anne Borowitz of N.F.C.V.I. was crowned sweetheart of Gamma Sigma. She was crowned with the roses of the fraternity and received the Gamma Sigma sweetheart ring. Her escort was Mr. Ronald Renzetti. In the sweethearts courts and receiving the fraternity sweetheart pins were Mary Lou Wallace and Evelyn Laire, of SCVI, escorted by Harold Zavitz and Bernard McManus.

During the conclave many letters and telegrams of greetings were read from former grand officers, Mayor Ernest M. Hawkins, the Inter-fraternity Congress of North America and from Rod Hunt the president of the Stamford Key Club which received a rousing ovation from the members of Alpha Kappa Chapter.

James R. Darrah of this city, keynoted the forthcoming work of the grand council by presenting a realistic address on immediate problems confronting the local chapter and the Gamma Council for the coming year.

The efficiency trophy for the outstanding chapter of the year according to points calculated by the Grand Council, was awarded to Alpha Zeta Chapter of this city. Alpha Zeta Chapter was congratulated for their fine service projects and in particular this year to the electric scoreboard it presented to NCVI. The chapter's many functions from father and sons banquets to variety shows was cited as an example to all the fraternity.

A vote of thanks was extended to the members of Alpha Kappa Chapter at the grand banquet for their efforts in arranging the 84th. Their committee included Neil Gauthier, John Russell, John Peckham, Clyde Beach, Steve Kovachs, Bob MacAdorey, Steve Allen, Dave Gallen, Bill Strang, Bob Hewitt and others. The grand council advisory committee was headed by James Darrah and Frank Cooper.

The 85th convocation will be next August in Syracuse, N. Y.

Newspaper clippings tell story of 84th Convocation.

Faces at the 85th Convocation
Top, l. to r.: Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha '20 (Grand President 1924-1925), Kurt K. Cannon, Omicron (Grand President 1953-1954), Albert G. Frank, Beta '32 (Grand President 1947-1948).
Middle: Retiring Grand President Kurt K. Cannon, Omicron.
Bottom, r. to l.: Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha '28 (Member of the Board), George Hamil, Alpha '26 (Member of the Board), William G. Kennedy, Omicron '23 (Grand President 1927-1929), Albert G. Frank, Beta '32.

Here It Is
YOUR 85TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
Gamma Sigma Fraternity
August 25, 26, 27, 28, 1954

OMICRON CHAPTER SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

REGISTRATION BOOTH — HOTEL SYRACUSE
10th Floor

August 25, Wednesday—
3:00 P. M. Registration

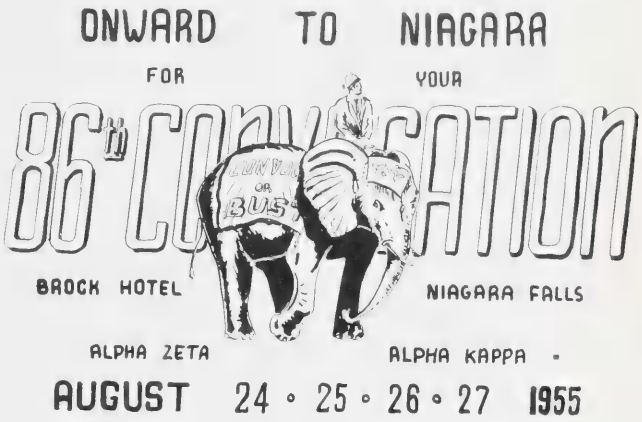
August 26, Thursday—
10:00 A. M. Grand Council Meeting
2:00 P. M. General Business Meeting
7:00 P. M. Dutch Treat Spaghetti Dinner at Villa, 301 Lodi. Take Burnet Ave. Bus.
9:00 P. M. Smoker, Ramion Ballroom. Take Dudley Bus to Seymour.

August 27, Friday—
10:00 A. M. Swim Party
2:00 P. M. General Business Meeting
9:00 P. M. Sweetheart Ball. East Room, Hotel Syracuse

August 28, Saturday—
10:00 A. M. General Business Meeting
2:00 P. M. General Business Meeting
7:00 P. M. Grand Convocation Banquet
Inauguration of Grand Officers
Drumlins (take Drumlins Bus)

86th Convocation
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 24th - 27th, 1955

Four business meetings were held for the seventeen represented chapters. The Activity Trophy was renamed the President's Cup and the winner was to be determined by the Grand President, a uniform pledge period was established, the chapter tax was raised to $35. per year, and registrations were raised to $5.50 each. Two new trophies were introduced: the Lloyd E. Brown Memorial Trophy to acknowledge best contribution to the *Pyramid and Crescent* and the Charles D. McLean Founder's Scale to be awarded for a decade of fraternity service.



Rear, l. to r.: John Holmes, A.Z. (Grand Banquet), John Peckham, A.K. (Registration), Peter Hayes, A.K. (Grand Banquet), Charles Antonio, A.Z. (Grand Ball). **Front, l. to r.:** Alex Gauthier, A.Z. (Convo. Chairman), Charles White, A.K. (Grand Ball), Bud Murchie, A.Z. (Secretary-Treasurer).

1955 Convocation Committee

Newspaper clipping shows welcome for delegates to 86th Convo.
L. to r.: Alex Gauthier, David Wiley, James R. Darrah (G.P.O.), John Russell, Peter Hayes.

87th Convocation
Baltimore, Maryland
August 22nd - 25th, 1956

Of prime importance was the adoption of the completely revised Grand Constitution. After many years, the various ritual ceremonies were gathered together and published as a Red Book. A decision was made to add a $1000. United States Savings Bond to the Trust Fund. The highlight of the convention was the installation of Beta Sigma Chapter from Mobile, Alabama. Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31 was presented with a scroll officially naming him Mr. Gamma Sigma.

Gamma Sigma Fraternity

87th Anniversary Convocation

PLACE: Baltimore, Maryland Hotel Southern **TIME:** August 22 - 25, 1956

PROGRAM

Wednesday, August 22nd

Registration - Hotel Southern, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Get acquainted parties, sight seeing.

Thursday, August 23rd

Grand Council meets Hotel Southern - 9:00 a.m. FIRST BUSINESS SESSION 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. SECOND BUSINESS SESSION 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Maryland Old Fashioned CRAB FEAST 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. OUPLAH - ZIPLAH 9:00 p.m. till ? ?

Friday, August 24th

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS 2:00 p.m. GRAND BALL, Hotel Southern, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 25th

SPLASH PARTY, Milford Pool, 8:00 a.m. FINAL BUSINESS SESSION 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. GRAND BANQUET, Hotel Southern, [redacted] p.m. Farewell sendoff following banquet until - ? ?
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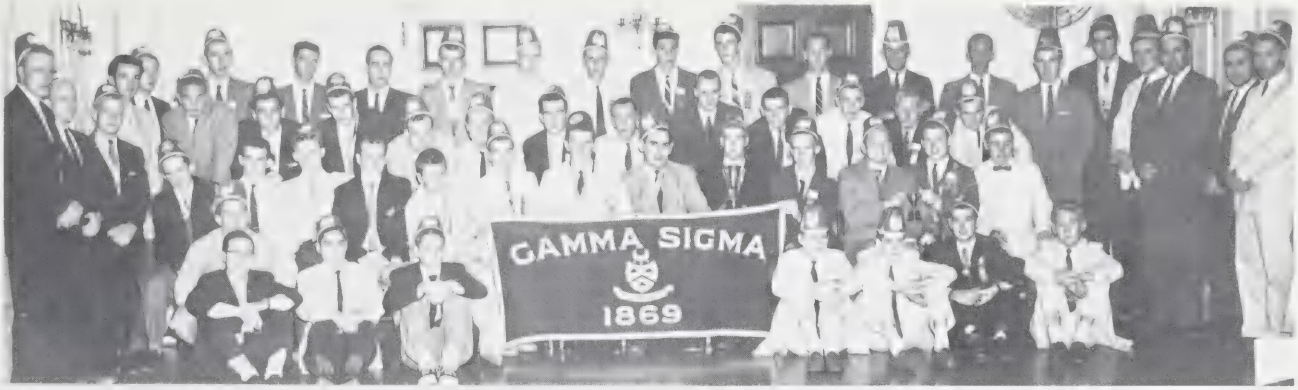


Grand Banquet scene at the 87th Convocation in 1956.

Scenes at the 87th Convocation.
Top right: Crab Feast, southern style, in the Southern Hotel, enjoyed by Grand Presidents James R. Darrah, Edward L. Bevans, and Robert M. Weir.
Bottom right: Grand President James Darrah presents Robert Weir with Founder's scale.
Below: Randy Smith, Beta Iota (Past Grand Vice-President), Mary Ellen Smtih (Miss Gamma Sigma 1956), Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota (G.P.O. elect).

Mayor Welcomes Gamma Sigma

Mayor Ernest M. Hawkins was on hand yesterday to welcome early delegates to the 88th convention of Gamma Sigma fraternity, being held this week at the Hotel Sheraton-Brock. The oldest and largest international secondary school fraternity in the world, this Gamma Sigma convention will attract delegates from all part of Canada the United States, and Great Britain.

Pictured above, from the left, Bob Davis, Wayne Oliver and Jack Davis, all of Baltimore, Ohio, are welcomed by Mayor Hawkins. Behind the mayor are local committee members, Bill Holowacz, secretary and publicity; Sam Mingle, date bureau; Bud Murchie, chairman; and Jim Lancelot, registration.

(Review photo by Roels)

Newspaper clippings (above and left) from Niagara Falls Review.

Prepare Fraternity Convocation

88th Convocation
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 21st - 24th, 1957

Past Grand President Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27 returned from England to attend his first post-war convention. Reports indicated that ten new chapters had been added over the years. The Office of the Grand Historian was created and the delegates decided to present a Chapter President's Medallion to each new chapter. A picture of Prof. Charles Donald McLean was presented to the fraternity by the Southern Chapters in memory of a deceased brother, Paul Allison of Alpha Omicron.

Grand Officers, Past and Present, pose at the 88th Convocation.

Back, l. to r.: William Holowacz, Alpha Zeta; Charles L. Allen, Alpha Chi (S.G.V.P.O.); Allen Bell, Alpha Zeta (Grand Marshall); Millard P. Eppig, Alpha Chi (P.S.G.V.P.O.); Brian O'Heany, Beta Nu (Past Grand Marshall).
Middle, l. to r.: Jack C. Thomas, Alpha Zeta (Grand Historian); Bud Murchie, Alpha Zeta (Alumni Director); Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha (Trustee); John S. Adams, Beta Nu (Grand Treasurer); Stuart Teal, Beta Nu (N.G.V.P.O.); Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu (Grand Secretary); Arthur H. Neal, Alpha Kappa (Trustee); Sam Mingle, Alpha Zeta.
Front, l. to r.: P.G.P. Frank E. Cooper, Alpha Zeta (Trustee); P.G.P. James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta (Ch. of Board); Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota (Grand President); P.G.P. Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta; P.G.P. Albert G. Frank, Beta (Trustee); P.G.P. Robert M. Weir, Kappa (Editor of Pyramid and Crescent); Roland Lee, Alpha Zeta.

89th Convocation
Baltimore, Maryland
August 20th - 23rd, 1958

Convocation travel plan was revised and the charter fee for new chapters was abolished. The Paul Allison Memorial Award was introduced for the best chapter scrapbook. The award was presented in memory of Paul Allison of Alpha Omicron Chapter.

Delegates and Officers at business session (above) and Grand Banquet scene (below)—
90th Convocation, Toronto.

Above—92nd Convocation Grand Banquet scene.

Top left — Outgoing and Incoming Grand Officers at the 93rd Convocation.

Standing, l. to r.: David Tinker, Gamma Delta (Trustee); Stafford Chenery, Beta Pi (Grand Secretary); George North, Gamma Mu (Trustee); Douglas R. Hunter, Beta Zeta (Past Alumni Director); Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota (Grand President); Morgan Harris, Gamma Beta (Trustee); Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu (Trustee); Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi (Trustee); Thomas O. Oliver, Alpha Zeta (Trustee).
Kneeling, l. to r.: Charles Speck, Alpha Zeta (Convocation Chairman); John S. Adams, Beta Nu (Trustee); Brian R. Kelly, Gamma Delta (N.G.V.P.O.); Malcolm Proudlock, Gamma Delta (Grand Treasurer).

Bottom left—1962-1963 Officers.

Standing, l. to r.: Stafford Chenery, Beta Pi (Grand Secretary); William Doyle, Beta Nu; William A. Redmond, Gamma Theta (Editor of the *Pyramid and Crescent*).
Seated, l. to r.: Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha (Grand Chaplain); Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi (Trustee); Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha (Grand Historian).

93rd Convocation Scene.

Top, l. to r.: Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi (Grand President); Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha '28 (Grand Historian); P.G.P. Albert G. Frank, Beta '32 (Trustee).

Middle: Brother Landes welcomes members to Grand Banquet.

Bottom, l. to r.: Miss Judy La Marsh (former Secretary of State); P.G.P. Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha '20 (Grand Chaplain); Brother Frank; Brother Landes.

Delegates and Officers pose at 1962 Convocation in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

94th Convocation
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 22nd - 25th, 1963

Twenty-seven chapters were represented at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel and discussion of the Baltimore court case and court action was high on the agenda. Much of the legislation was tabled until the October Meeting in Brockport, New York.

95th Convocation
Baltimore, Maryland
August 20th - 22nd, 1964

The Balfour Trust Fund was renamed the Harold G. Dobson Trust Fund in honour of the Grand Custodian. Pre-paid Convocation was discussed and extended. The Gamma Sigma Court Case was reported upon in detail by A. Raymond Bevans of Beta Theta, and the chapters pledged financial support. Other adopted legislation included a review of the Balfour contract, permission to reprint an updated Red Manual, and steps in the updating of the scholarship plan.

Registration Desk at the 95th
Seated, l. to r.: Gary W. Hund, Gamma Iota (Grand Treasurer); Brian Alexander, Beta Pi (Grand Secretary); Vernon Miller, Gamma Theta (S.G.V. P.O. elect).

FACES AT THE 95th CONVOCATION — BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

L. to r.—Trustees Morgan Harris, Gamma Beta; George North, Gamma Mu; Norman Landes, Beta Xi (Chairman); Robert Harding, Gamma Beta; Bruce Sellors, Beta Phi.

GRAND BANQUET SCENE
L. to r.—A. Raymond Bevans, Beta Theta; P.G.P. Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota; G. P. Brian R. Kelly, Gamma Delta; P.G.P. Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi.

96th Convocation
Toronto, Ontario
August 19th - 21st, 1965

The delegates voted to withdraw from the Inter-Fraternity Congress, registration fees were raised to $10., the scholarship plan was revised, the budget for the *Pyramid and Crescent* was raised to $700. per year, and the rental of post office boxes by the chapters was encouraged.

Grand Orator at 96th Convocation
Thomas O. Oliver, Alpha Zeta '27

97th Convocation
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 25th - 27th, 1966

Chapter tax was raised to $60. per year and alumni club tax was increased to $40. per annum. An adding machine and a typewriter were added to the Office of the Grand Treasurer.

98th Convocation
Toronto, Ontario
August 24th - 26th, 1967

The scholarship plan was revised, reminder cards were adopted by the delegates for the Offices of Grand President, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Editor of the *Pyramid and Crescent*, sponsorship of convocation was taken over by the Grand Council, and post-office boxes were made compulsory.

99th Convocation
Hamilton, Ontario
August 15th - 17th, 1968

The fraternity returned to Hamilton and the Royal Connaught Hotel for the third time in her history. Of prime importance was the complete revision of the Grand Constitution under the guidance of Magistrate Johnstone L. Roberts, Alpha Kappa '34 (Grand Attorney) and Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi '57 (Trustee). The *Pyramid and Crescent* budget was raised to $1000. and the Editor was elected for the first time. The scholarship awards were doubled making the yearly output $800. Registration fees were increased to $12.50.

Top—"Expo-Convo 98" Grand Banquet. **l. to r.**—Thomas Buchanon, Alpha Sigma '31 (Grand Orator); Grand President Brian R. Kelly, Gamma Delta '59; Grand President-elect Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61. **Bottom**— Convo 97 Grand Banquet: Trustee John S. Adams, Beta Nu '53, addresses the banquet.

CENTENNIAL CONVOCATION COMMITTEE

Left to right—Gabe Laszlo, Gamma Pi '64 (Grand Ball); Douglas B. Mundy, Gamma Pi '64 (Golf Tournament, Tournament Dinner); Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61 (Centennial Publication, Centennial Draw, Cocktail Party, Museum, Business Sessions); Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota '61 (General Chairman, Sales, Parade, Hotel Reservations, Women's Events); Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi '57 (Grand Banquet, Mailing Chairman, Convocation Booklet, Bridge and Euchre Tournament, Sales); R. Scott Burns, Gamma Pi '66 (Financial Chairman, Registrations); Glenn Fox, Gamma Pi '65 (Billiards Tournament, Tournament Dinner); Alan J. O'Shaughnessy, Beta Pi '63 (Ouplah, Ziplah, Ouplah Ziplah Dinner, Millionaires' Nite).

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Grand Presidents

1891 - 1892	John M. Milne, Alpha '69
1892 - 1893	Edwin F. Wellington, Alpha '76
1893 - 1894	Charles Hastings Wiltsie, Alpha '74
1894 - 1895	Edward D. Blodgett, Delta '92
1895 - 1896	George F. Yeoman, Alpha '69
1896 - 1897	George K. Staples, Alpha '82
1897 - 1898	John D. Burns, Alpha '69
1898 - 1899	Frank Clark Brown, Beta
1899 - 1900	Frank Clark Brown, Beta
1900 - 1901	Norman J. Westerhold, Gamma
1901 - 1902	Charles H. White, Delta '92
1902 - 1903	Perry M. Shepard, Theta '00
1903 - 1904	Frank E. Stockwell, Iota
1904 - 1905	Charles Godard Reitz, Beta '99
1905 - 1906	Frederick M. Ackerson, Alpha '85
1906 - 1907	Frederick M. Ackerson, Alpha '85
1907 - 1908	E. Roscoe Parker, Theta '01
1908 - 1909	Alonzo G. Hinkley, Gamma
1909 - 1910	Edwin V. Zeddies, Theta
1910 - 1911	W. Robert Neel, Beta '05
1911 - 1912	Harry Vernon Gould, Kappa '04
1912 - 1913	George W. Witney, Alpha '05
1913 - 1914	Daniel J. Reilly, Jr., Rho '07
1914 - 1915	Donald L. MacWhorter, Nu
1915 - 1916	unknown
1916 - 1917	Emerson Lee Taylor, Psi '13
1917 - 1920	No Grand President—World War I
1920 - 1921	John A. Cooper, Omicron
1921 - 1922	Earle M. Wightman, Alpha Alpha
1922 - 1923	Preston M. Holmes, Gamma
1923 - 1924	Preston M. Holmes, Gamma
1924 - 1925	Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha '20
1925 - 1926	Frederick Hiram Covert, Alpha '24
1926 - 1927	Robert S. Terhune, Rho
1927 - 1928	William G. Kennedy, Omicron '23
1928 - 1929	William G. Kennedy, Omicron '23
1929 - 1930	Robert S. Terhune, Rho
1930 - 1931	James E. Garrigus, Gamma '27
1931 - 1932	Garner A. Havers, Alpha Delta '27
1932 - 1933	Garner A. Havers, Alpha Delta '27
1933 - 1934	Jack A. Striker, Gamma
1934 - 1935	Jack A. Striker, Gamma
1935 - 1936	Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27
1936 - 1937	Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27
1937 - 1938	Robert Myrton Weir, Kappa '31
1938 - 1939	Robert Myrton Weir, Kappa '31
1939 - 1940	Robert G. Christopher, Alpha Zeta '36
1940 - 1941	Robert G. Christopher, Alpha Zeta '36
1941 - 1946	Robert Myrton Weir, Kappa '31 (War Council)
1946 - 1947	Charles Willard Hendrick, Alpha Psi '32
1947 - 1948	Albert G. Frank, Beta '32
1948 - 1949	Arthur Ward Dean, Rho '38
1949 - 1950	Frank E. Cooper, Jr., Alpha Zeta '44
1950 - 1951	Robert Myrton Weir, Kappa '31
1951 - 1952	George Ashley Matthews, Tau '47
1952 - 1953	Donald Cameron Crounse, Alpha Omicron '48
1953 - 1954	Kurt K. Cannon, Omicron '49
1954 - 1955	James Robert Darrah, Beta Zeta '50
1955 - 1956	James Robert Darrah, Beta Zeta '50
1956 - 1957	Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota '49
1957 - 1958	Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota '49
1958 - 1959	Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi
1959 - 1960	Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu '53
1960 - 1961	Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi
1961 - 1962	Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi
1962 - 1963	Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota '49
1963 - 1964	Brian Regis A. Kelly, Gamma Delta '59
1964 - 1965	Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota '61
1965 - 1966	Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota '61
1966 - 1967	Brian Regis A. Kelly, Gamma Delta '59
1967 - 1968	Joseph William Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61
1968 - 1969	Joseph William Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61

Edward F. Wellington
Grand President 1892 - 1893

Edward F. Wellington was born in 1859 in New York State. He attended the Brockport Normal School in Brockport, N.Y. where he became a member of the Gamma Sigma Society on November 18th, 1876. He graduated in 1877 and moved to Rochester where he took up the study of law. In 1895, he entered the practice of law and became a member of the Rochester Bar Association.

Gamma Sigma was always of great concern to Edward. The conception of making the Society a national fraternity was his. He served on the original Grand Council of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity as a member of the Board of Trustees in 1891 and became the second Grand President of same at the 23rd Convocation in 1892. He did much towards perfecting the constitution and establishing new chapters throughout the United States. He was responsible for much of the ritual ceremony that is in use today.

Brother Wellington did more for the early Gamma Sigma Fraternity than any other one man. His contributions will never be fully realized.

Edward F. Wellington died in Rochester on February 23rd, 1907 at the age of 48 years. The members of Gamma Sigma mourned his loss greatly.

Charles Hastings Wiltsie
Grand President 1893 - 1894

Charles Hastings Wiltsie was born in Pittsford, N.Y., January 13th, 1859, a son of James Martin and Emily Ward Wiltsie. He attended the Pittsford Public School and Brockport State Normal School, where he prepared for college. He graduated from the University of Rochester in 1880 with a BA degree and in 1883, he received his MA after studying at the Universities of Gottingen and Berlin. He took up the study of law in the office of County Judge John S. Morgan and was admitted to practice in 1883 at the general term of the Supreme Court held in Utica, N.Y.

Brother Wiltsie was an extensive traveller. Soon after leaving college, he made a trip around the world and, in later years, visited nearly all the civilized parts of the globe. He wrote vividly and in detail of his experiences and of the conditions of the countries visited.

In 1893, Wiltsie married Harriet Potter Hart and they had one daughter, Mary Emily.

Brother Wiltsie became a member of the Gamma Sigma Society on September 18th, 1874, while a student at Brockport Normal. He served as one of the original five Trustees on the first Board in the 1891-1892 fraternal year and again during 1892-1893. He became Grand President in 1893 and served for one year.

Charles Wiltsie died on May 9th, 1935, following an illness of only a few days.

Edward D. Blodgett
Grand President 1894 - 1895

Edward D. Blodgett became a member of the Normal Debating Club, an organization founded in 1870, during 1883 while a student at the Courtland Normal School in Courtland, N.Y. When a charter was granted to the Club on January 11th, 1892, Edward became a member of Delta Chapter of Gamma Sigma through an agreement to admit the alumni of the Club.

He became Grand President of Gamma Sigma Fraternity in 1894 and served for one year.

Perry M. Shepard
Grand President 1902 - 1903

Perry M. Shepard was initiated into Theta Chapter in 1900 while he was a student at Hyde Park High School in Chicago, Illinois. He became the Grand President in 1902 at the 33rd Convocation and served in that position for one year. It was while he was Grand President that he became a founder of Iota Eta Pi, the so-called inner order of Gamma Sigma.

Perry retired to his family home in Geneva, New York and died there in the mid 1950's.

Charles Godard Reitz
Grand President 1904 - 1905

Charles Godard Reitz became a member of the Beta Chapter while he attended high school in Rochester, N.Y. Upon graduation, he entered the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He set up practice in Webster, N.Y.

Charles served as Grand Recording Secretary and Grand Treasurer before being elected Grand President at the 34th Convocation in 1904. The following year he became Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Harry Vernon Gould
Grand President 1911 - 1912

Harry Vernon Gould was born in Malden, Massachusetts in the late 1880's, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Watson Gould.

While attending Malden High School, he was recognized as one of the fastest basketball players in the State. He was a member of the championship team of

Harry Vernon Gould, Kappa '04
Grand President 1911-1912

the school for two years. He always took an active interest in both athletic and social affairs of the school. He was initiated into Kappa Chapter on October 11th, 1904.

After graduation in 1906, Harry entered business and became the owner and President of the New England Fence Company.

In 1911, at the 42nd Annual Convocation held in Geneva, New York, he was elected to the Office of the Grand President for the 1911-1912 fraternal year, the first Eastern man to receive such an honour. The following year, he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He served again as a Member of the Board during the 1927-1928 fraternal year.

Brother Gould married Esther Bryant in 1914 and has four children, three daughters and one son, and twelve grandchildren.

Harry Gould retired from business in 1964 to his home in Reading, Massachusetts, where he still enjoys an active life. His chief hobbies are golf and hunting with English Setters. He is presently a member and a Past President of the Setter Club of New England.

Brother Gould is a member of the Masonic Orders of the Blue Lodge, the Hugh de Payar Commandry, and the Shrine.

Daniel J. Reilly, Jr., Rho '07
Grand President 1913-1914

Preston M. Holmes, Gamma
Grand President 1922-1924

Wilbur Ward Hiler
Grand President, 1924 - 1925

Known to his friends and fraternity brothers as "Doc", Wilbur Ward Hiler was inducted into Alpha Chapter on October 8th, 1920 while a student in the Academic Department at the Brockport Normal School. His father, uncle, and brother had been active in the same chapter before him and one brother followed him. He held several chapter offices including President and was an official delegate to the Convocations in 1920, 1921, and 1922. He was elected Grand Recording Secretary in 1922 and was re-elected in 1923. He was chosen Grand President in 1924 and became a Trustee in 1925.

During the administration of Brother Hiler, the *Pyramid and Crescent* was revised as the official fraternity magazine and he served as its Editor; the contract with the L. G. Balfour was negotiated; the Office of the Grand Custodian was created; the organization of the Grand Chapter was perfected; and the first new chapter since World War I was installed.

"Doc" lost contact with Gamma Sigma when he went to college and later when he moved to the West Coast to work in the late twenties. He became active again in the early fifties and was elected Grand Chaplain in 1955 and served as such for a decade. In 1965, he became the Grand Historian, the position he holds today. He was awarded the Gold Honor Key in 1958 and the Charles D. McLean Founder's Scale in 1959. He was elected to membership in the Alpha Delta Tau Honorary Fraternity in 1952. He has attended some twenty-five Convocations since 1920 and along with Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha '28, Albert G. Frank, Beta '32, and the late Harold G. Dobson, Alpha '00, he has hosted the Founder's Day Weekends in Brockport for the past decade.

Following graduation from Brockport Normal School in 1922, "Doc" attended the University of Rochester, the Rochester Business Institute, and Hamilton College where he graduated in the class of 1928.

Brother Hiler is identified with many organizations: the Boy Scouts of America, the Kiwanis Club, the Lions Club (he was a charter member of the Brockport chapter), and is a 32 degree Mason. He served as High Priest of his chapter of Royal Arch Masons, is a member of the Council of Select Master Masons and Commandery (York Rite), the Consistory (Scottish Rite), and the Shrine. "Doc" is an ardent historian, having compiled the Sesqui-Centennial History of the Town of Sweden (1959) for which he was cited as the author of the year by the Rochester Museum. He also authored the centennial history of his Masonic Lodge and co-authored a similar volume for the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member. He was founder and charter member of the Western Monroe Historical Society. Brother Hiler carries a gold card from the Eastman Kodak Company, having retired in 1969 after 26 years in the Apparatus Division where he was a Quality Control Engineer, Supervisory Trainer, and a member of the Industrial Relations Department.

The Hiler home on South Main Street in Brockport has been in the family for four generations. Mrs. Hiler is the former Frances Moore of Pelham, N.Y. and they have two children: Wilbur W. Jr., who teaches in New York City, and Sally, who remains at home where she is convalescing from an extended illness. "Doc" and Fran also boast two young grand-children.

Frederick Hiram Covert
Grand President, 1925 - 1926

Frederick Hiram Covert was born on December 13th, 1906 in Brockport, N.Y.

He attended the Brockport High School

Frederick Hiram Covert, Alpha '24
Grand President 1925-1926

and entered the University of Syracuse where he graduated in 1930 with his B.Sc. degree. He graduated from the Brockport State Normal School in 1932 and became a teacher in Southampton, N.Y. Fred took over at Southampton Elementary School as Principal in 1934, a position he held until 1937.

Brother Covert obtained his M.Ed. degree from the University of Rochester in 1940 and went to work as an Auditor with Jackson and Zaenglein in Rochester. He joined the American Red Cross in 1943 and served as an overseas Field Director until the war ended in 1945. In that year, he returned to the educational field as Principal of the Dansville Junior High School in Dansville, N.Y. He became Guidance Director for the Dansville Board of Education in 1947 and remained so until 1952. He received his M.Sc. degree from Alfred University in 1953 and in 1955 he became an Administrative Assistant for the Dansville Board.

Fred joined the Department of Mental Hygiene of Craig Colony and Hospital in Sonyea, N.Y. as the Institution Education Supervisor in 1955, a position he held until his retirement on July 1st, 1967.

Brother Covert joined Alpha Chapter of Gamma Sigma on April 18th, 1924 and was elected Grand Recording Secretary the same year. He served as Grand President during the 1925-1926 fraternal year.

Frederick Covert is married to the former Marion Merrill and they have two children: a son John and a daughter Mary Ann. The Coverts have three grand-children. Fred is active in many organizations. He is a life member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Monroe Lodge No. 173, and a Director of the New York State Association for Mental Health.

The Coverts reside in Geneseo, N.Y. and spend their summers at the family cottage near Wilburforce, Ontario.

William G. Kennedy
Grand President, 1927 - 1929

William G. Kennedy, a lifelong resident of Syracuse, New York, joined Omicron Chapter in 1923. He was elected Grand President in 1927 and was re-elected in 1928.

Brother Kennedy entered the University of Syracuse in 1926 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1930 and graduated from the Syracuse Law School, Juris Doctor, in 1932. While at Syracuse University, he was President of the Sophomore Class and played on the football team from 1926 to 1928. He is presently engaged in the general practice of Law and has served as Counsel to the Syracuse Housing Authority since 1942. He is a member of the Onondaga County and New York State Bar Association.

Bill is a Past President of the Varsity Club of Syracuse University, a Past President of the University Club of Syracuse, and is a Trustee of Psi Upsilon Fraternity at Syracuse University. Bill married the former Catherine Foley in 1936 and they have one son, James J. Kennedy.

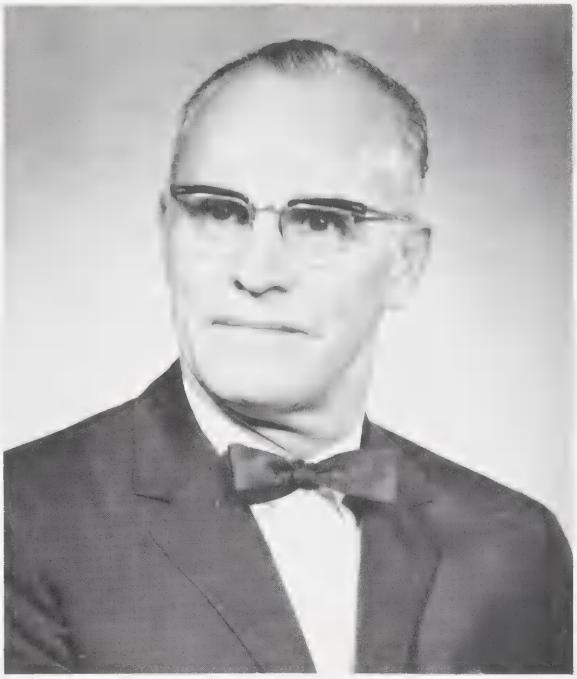
Brother Kennedy became most interested in Gamma Sigma again in 1954 after many years absence when his son Jim, also a member of Omicron, was Chairman of the 85th Convocation. Jim was awarded the Robert M. Weir Convocation Achievement Award that year. Bill was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1955 and served for seven years until 1962.

The Kennedys now reside in Syracuse, New York.

James E. Garrigus
Grand President, 1930 - 1931

James E. Garrigus was initiated into Gamma Chapter of Buffalo on December 9th, 1927. When his family moved to Worcester, Massachusetts, he transferred to Tau Chapter. The family again moved, this time to Lima, Ohio. It was in Lima that he organized Alpha Theta on September 29th, 1929. He served as Grand Marshal during 1928-1929, 1st Vice President during 1929-1930, and Grand President during the 1930-1931 fraternal year. While Grand President, Brother Garrigus lived in Celina, Ohio after attending City College in Baltimore, Maryland.

For a period of three years, James travelled with his own orchestra. Eventually, when he could no longer take one night stands, he left the music business and worked for the Ohio Oil Company in the Pipeline Division.



James E. Garrigus, Gamma '27
Grand President 1930-1931

Jim then moved to Detroit, Michigan where he was employed by the Kalamazoo Stove Company. He finally returned to Lima in 1938 where he went to work for the City Loan and Savings Company of which he is now the Vice-President.

Brother Garrigus served in the United States Army for thirty-eight months in World War II. He graduated from O.C.S. Ft. Benning, Georgia, and served in various capacities in the Continental United States and the European Theatre of Operations. He was discharged in October of 1945.

James Garrigus was married in 1937. He and his wife, Florence, have one son, James Jay.

Garner A. Havers
Grand President, 1931 - 1933

Garner A. Havers was born in Hamilton, Ontario on May 22nd, 1912. He was educated in Hamilton and Kenmore, N.Y., attending the Kenmore High School and the Hamilton High School of Commerce.

Brother Havers was initiated into Alpha Delta Chapter of Gamma Sigma while attending Kenmore High. With Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27, he helped found Alpha Nu Chapter in Hamilton Collegiate in August of 1930. He attended his first Convocation in Rochester, N.Y. in 1930, now as a member of the new Alpha Nu. Alpha Nu made a successful bid for the 1931 Convocation and Garner was made Chairman of that Convocation Committee. He was elected the first Canadian Grand President at the 62nd Convocation in 1931 and was re-elected for a second term the following year, the fifth such man to hold that distinction. He served on the Board of Trustees during 1939-1940 and became its Chairman in 1940.

From 1941 to 1946, Brother Havers served with the Canadian Army in Canada, in England, in Northwestern Europe, and with the Canadian Army Pacific Force. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

Following the war, he managed hotels in Jamaica, B.W.I. and British Columbia, Canada. He joined the Sheraton Hotel chain in 1950 as Resident Manager of the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, Ontario. He was subsequently General Manager of the Sheraton-Connaught Hotel in Hamilton, the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, and the Sheraton-Mt. Royal Hotel in Montreal, Quebec. In 1962 he was elected Director of Sheraton Hotels Ltd. and Canadian Divisional Manager. He was elected President of Sheraton Hotels in 1963.

Garner Havers now resides at the Sheraton-Mt. Royal Hotel in Montreal and holds the position of President and General Manager of Sheraton Hotels Ltd.

Garner A. Havers, Alpha Delta '27
Grand President 1931-1933

Edward C. Peckham
Grand President, 1935 - 1937

Edward C. Peckham was a charter member of Alpha Zeta Chapter, the chapter that made Gamma Sigma an international fraternity on December 11th, 1927. He held all chapter offices and was elected Grand Treasurer in 1930, a position he held for three terms. He became the Grand Secretary in 1933 and served as Chairman for the 66th Convocation in 1935. Ed was elected Grand President at that convention and remained so until 1937 when he became the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, a position he held for two years.

Ed, along with Irving L. Peterman of Alpha Mu, was the originator of the Ancient and Mystic Oriental Order of Ouplah Ziplah. He was awarded the first Gold Honor Key in 1938 and the Charles D. McLean Founder's Scale in 1957. He was nominated to the Alpha Delta Tau Honorary Fraternity of the I.F.C. in 1948.

After leaving Niagara Falls Collegiate and graduating from Kelly Business Institute in Niagara Falls, N.Y., Ed joined Carborundum Company in the Time and Motion Study Department.

In 1929, Brother Peckham joined the Lincoln and Welland Regiment of the Canadian Militia with a rank of provisional Second Lieutenant. He received the Coronation Medal and was promoted to Captain in 1939. Ed was to be the Grand Orator at the 40th Convocation in Hamilton in 1939. However, his regiment was put on active service the morning of the Grand Banquet and he was unable to attend.

Brother Peckham served as General Staff Officer in Toronto until 1940 when he became Adjutant of the Canadian Training School in the United Kingdom. He was awarded the Efficiency Decoration and was promoted to the rank of Major in 1943. In 1946, he served as Commanding Officer of the Second Discipline Unit in Brussels, Belgium. He transferred to the Reserve of Officers with the rank of Major in 1946. During the war, Ed had served in the United Kingdom, France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany.

In 1947, Peckham acquired the rights in the United Kingdom for Metalock, a process of cold repair for fractured metals, and founded Metalock (Britain) Ltd. In 1953, he organized Metalock International Ltd. and serves today as Chairman of Metalock (Britain) Ltd. and Managing Director and Vice-President of Metalock International Ltd. which centralizes the activities of 42 companies in 42 different countries. He is a Director of many of these companies.

Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27
Grand President 1935-1937
(Brother Peckham spoke at the 88th Convocation in 1957 — above — Grand President James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50 is at right).

Brother Peckham, his wife, and his four children now reside in Britain where Ed is a member of the Institute of Marine Engineers and of the Institute of Production Engineers. He is National President of the Canadian Veterans' Association in the United Kingdom and very active in the Lions' Club International.

Robert Myrton Weir
"Mr. Gamma Sigma"
Grand President, 1937 - 1939,
1941 - 1946, 1950 - 1951

The story of Robert M. Weir is a tribute to fraternity and to its purposes. His life is a guide to all members of Gamma Sigma as to what one man can do for a fraternity and what a fraternity can do for one man.

"Bibby", as he became known, was inducted into Kappa Chapter on April 21st, 1931 while he was a student at Malden High School in Malden, Massachusetts. He was the 301st member of Kappa.

In his high school days, Bob took part in many activities including the Malden High School Literary Society. He held the office of Publicity Manager of the society but still he had time to play such sports as basketball, baseball, and football for the school. He also worked on the school yearbook as Photography and Art Editor.

In 1932, "Bibby" served Kappa as Marshall and Recording Secretary. In 1933, he turned passive in the chapter after graduating from Malden. Following his resignation, Kappa entered a doldrum. This could not be remedied by several alumni and until the Fall of 1936, this chapter was at the lowest period in its thirty-seven year history.

The first to make any noticeable improvement in the chapter was Robert Weir. Under his capable leadership, Kappa rode out of the depression through the medium of international correspondence and a chapter periodical, the "Sphinx Tales".

It was at the 68th Annual Convocation held in 1937 at Rochester, New York, that Robert Weir started to make most of the modern history of Gamma Sigma.

1937 - 1939	Grand President
1940 - 1941	Editor of the Pyramid and Crescent
1941 - 1946	Grand President (War Council)
1946 - 1948	Chairman of the Board of Trustees
1948 - 1949	Editor of the Pyramid and Crescent
1949 - 1950	Executive Secretary-Treasurer
1950 - 1951	Grand President
1951 - 1953	Executive Secretary-Treasurer
1953 - 1954	Grand Treasurer
1954 - 1957	Executive Secretary-Treasurer
1956 - 1958	Editor of the Pyramid and Crescent
1958 - 1962	Member of the Board of Trustees

One has only to read the section of this book that deals with trophies and awards to see that Robert M. Weir was responsible for many of them. He, himself, was the recipient of two national honours. In 1939, he was presented with the Gold Honour Key and in 1956, he received the Charles D. McLean Founders Scale. He had also been the recipient of the chapter Silver Honour Award in 1938.

For "Bibby", the die had been cast early; his life was centered around fraternity, photography, advertising, and public relations.

Bob Weir's career field was photography. At the time of his passing in 1961, he was a member of the advertising staff of the Malden Evening News, having joined this staff in October of 1960 after working on the staff of the Malden Press from 1949. He served the Press as Chief Photographer from 1955. His greatest photographic achievement was the publication of three of his pictures in the text book "Creative News Photography".

From 1950 to 1954, "Bibby" was active in the Bruce Barton Chapter of Alpha Delta Sigma, the national professional advertising fraternity for men. In 1953, he was President of his chapter and in 1954 he was awarded the outstanding service key by his chapter. In 1955, he was elected to a two-year term as National Eastern Vice-President of Alpha Delta Sigma.

As busy as he was, Bob still had time to join the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and became a member of the Mount Vernon Lodge of Masons.

For some time, Bob, as well as others interested in re-activating the Inter-Fraternity Congress, had worked hard and long to attempt to bring together representatives of the larger National Secondary School Fraternities in the United States and Canada. These efforts finally bore fruit when on March 22nd, 1947, an initial meeting was held in New York City. On March 23rd, the delegates from twelve fraternities elected Robert M. Weir the first President of the newly re-activated Congress. He served in this position during the rough formative period between March and October of 1947.

"Bibby" was elected the thirtieth member of Alpha Delta Tau Honourary Fraternity for his services to Gamma Sigma. Although not an elected officer of the Congress between 1948 and 1951, Bob continued to work unceasingly for the improvement and growth of the infant organization.

At the Seventh Meeting in 1952, Bob again answered the call of the Congress and was elected Editor of the *I.F.C. News*, a position that he retained until 1958. For his contributions to the fraternity world, he was selected as the "Fraternity Man of the Year" in 1953. It was at the 77th Annual Convocation held at Niagara Falls, Ontario in 1946 that the creed written by Weir was adopted as the Official Gamma Sigma Creed.

In 1956, at the 87th Annual Convocation, held at Baltimore, Maryland, "Bibby" Weir was named "Mr. Gamma Sigma".

Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27 (left) presents "Bibby" Weir with tribute at 88th Convocation in 1957.

Top—Bob Weir and his wife Bernadette. **Bottom**—Outgoing Grand President Frank E. Cooper, Alpha Zeta '44, turns chair over to Grand President-elect Bob Weir at 81st Convocation in 1950

Bob Weir's life in Gamma Sigma has been marked by many 'firsts'. He was the first and, to date, the only man to ever serve four terms as Grand President of Gamma Sigma. He was the first and the only member of Gamma Sigma to ever be named I.F.C. "Man of the Year".

His thirty year record, twenty-five of these on the international level, serves as an inspiration for all. His record would have gone on but for his untimely death on December 27th, 1961.

On October 11th, 1965, a plaque was placed on the stone at Bob's grave by the Grand Council, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, to acknowledge his long years of service.

"Bibby" will never die in the hearts of Gamma Sigma members, past, present, and future, for his life and Gamma Sigma are one. Every new member of Gamma Sigma represents the reincarnation of Robert M. Weir, Kappa — Mr. Gamma Sigma.

Robert G. Christopher
Grand President, 1939 - 1941

Robert G. Christopher was born in Campbellton, New Brunswick on April 2nd, 1918. The family moved to Niagara Falls, Ontario when Bob was seven. He completed his education in Niagara Falls and moved to Hamilton, Ontario in 1940 where he joined the International Silver Company.

Bob joined the Canadian Army and served during the Second World War. He was discharged in 1945. He joined the Carborundum Company in Niagara Falls, N.Y. as Maintenance Engineer after the war but returned to the International Silver Company in 1949 as Plant Engineer. He was made Superintendent of the Niagara Falls plant in 1954, Factory Manager in 1957, Vice-President in 1958, and President in 1961. He moved to Perth, Ontario with the relocation of the company in 1963.

Brother Christopher was inducted into Alpha Zeta Chapter in March of 1936. He was elected 1st G.V.P.O. in 1938 and took over the Office of the Grand Treasurer when Thomas Buchanon, Alpha Sigma, was called to war duty. He was elected Grand President in 1939 and served until 1941. He became Chairman of the Board of Trustees in that year and served thusly on the War Council throughout the war. In 1946, he was re-elected to the Board as a Trustee. Bob received the Gold Honor Key in 1941.

Brother Christopher married the former Betty Muisner in 1943 and they have three children: Karen, a public health nurse in London, Ontario; Barbara, a student at Queen's University in Kingston; and Robert, Jr. Bob has been active in community and service club work and was one of the key members instrumental in the planning, financing, and building of the Boys' Club of Greater Niagara. He was the first President of that club in 1957.

Although business takes a great deal of his time, Bob is President of the Canadian Jewellers Association and a Director of the Canadian Jewellers Institute. He is a member of the Perth Rotary Club and the Toronto Board of Trade.

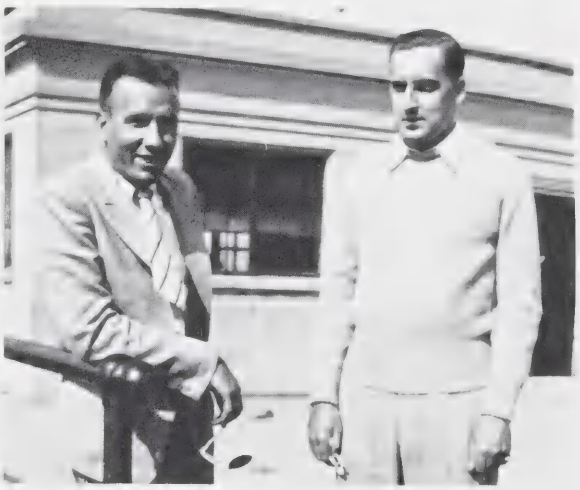
Charles Willard Hendrick
Grand President, 1946 - 1947

Charles Willard "Will" Hendrick was initiated into Gamma Sigma Fraternity on November 19th, 1932 as a charter member of Alpha Psi Chapter in Wilmington, Delaware. He attended his first Convocation in 1935 at Niagara Falls, Ontario and followed up by attending Convocations in Chicago in 1936, Rochester in 1937, and back to Niagara Falls in 1938. He served the Fraternity as General Secretary from 1936 to 1938 and was awarded the Gold Honor Key at the 69th Annual Convocation in 1938, one of the first two recipients of the Key. Brother Hendrick was unable to remain active in Gamma Sigma since his work with the DuPont Company demanded all of his time.

Charles Willard Hendrick, Alpha Psi '32
Grand President 1946-1947

"Will" re-activated in 1944 to co-ordinate the work of the War Council and served as Secretary-Treasurer until the hostilities were ended. At the first post-war Convocation, held in 1946 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, he was elected Grand President. He served in this position for one year, attending his last Convocation in 1947.

Brother Hendrick was elected to the Alpha Delta Tau Honorary Fraternity of the Inter-Fraternity Congress in 1950.



Past Grand President Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27 (left) with "Will" Hendrick, Alpha Psi '32, in 1937.

Albert G. Frank
Grand President, 1947 - 1948

Albert G. Frank was born on March 2nd, 1914 in Rochester, New York. He graduated from the Holy Apostles Grammar School, John Marshall High School, the Rochester Business Institute and he attended the Rochester Institute of Technology. While attending John Marshall High in 1932, Al was initiated into Beta Chapter. He attended his first Convocation in 1933 at Buffalo, N.Y. and served on the 1937 Convocation Committee.

Brother Frank was elected a member of the Board of Trustees in 1946 at the first post-war Convocation. The following year he became Grand President and served for one year. In 1948, he became Chairman of the Board, a position he held for eight consecutive terms until 1956 when he became a member of the Board again. Never before in the history of the Fraternity had one man spent eighteen consecutive years on the Board. In 1965, Brother Frank was elected Grand Chaplain, an office that he has held to this day. He has spent twenty-three years on the Grand Council and the Board and will be attending his 25th Convocation in 1969.

It was Brother Frank who organized the Beta Alumni Club after the Second World War and it was he who served that Alumni as its President for three years.

Albert was awarded the Gold Honor Key in 1948, the Robert M. Weir Fidelity "Man of the Year" Award in 1953, and the Charles D. McLean Founder's Scale in 1962. He was also one of the three original members of Gamma Sigma elected to the Alpha Delta Tau Honorary Fraternity in 1949.

Albert G. Frank, Beta, '32
Grand President 1947-1948

Brother Frank is a Life Member of Phi Theta Pi, a Business College Fraternity, and the President of Eta Chapter of that organization. He is a Past President of Our Lady of Good Counsel Men's Club, St. Agnes High School Fathers' Club, and Past Commander of Sweetland Hill Post No. 1340 American Legion. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Al is married to the former Mary Helen Ronan and they have four daughters: Sister Margaret Mary (St. Joseph Order), Kathleen, Sheila, and Alberta.

Grand President Albert Frank congratulates G.P.O.-elect Arthur Ward Dean, Rho '38, at 79th Convocation.

Arthur Ward "Bud" Dean, Rho '38 (Grand President 1948-1949) takes on another role.

Frank Emerson Cooper

Grand President, 1949 - 1950

Frank Emerson Cooper was born on December 10th, 1928 in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He graduated from Niagara Falls Collegiate Vocational Institute and entered the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1953. While at Western, Frank was active in Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Brother Cooper attended the Ontario College of Education in Toronto where he received his Specialist Certificate in Business and Commerce Education. He started teaching in 1955 and until 1966 was the Director of Business and Commerce Department at Niagara District Secondary School in Niagara-on-the-Lake. In 1966, he accepted a position in the Toronto area as Co-ordinator of Business Education with the York County Board of Education. Frank is also the President of International Coats of Arms.

Frank Cooper joined Alpha Zeta Chapter of Gamma Sigma in 1944 and was elected President after holding several chapter offices. He was first elected to the Grand Council in 1947 as 3rd G.V.P.O. and was elected 1st G.V.P.O. the following year. Frank became Grand President in 1949, a position he held for one year. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1950 and served on the Board for ten years including two terms as Chairman in 1958 and 1959. Frank was one of the moving forces in the expansion of Gamma Sigma. He was either directly or indirectly responsible for new chapters in Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Fonthill, Burlington, Ft. Erie, Welland, and Toronto.

Frank E. Cooper, Alpha Zeta '44
Grand President 1949-1950

Gold Honor Key winners Paul Coulson (left) and Jack Burnett (right), both of Alpha Zeta chapter, watch as Past Grand President Arthur Ward Dean, Rho '38, turns gavel over to Grand President Frank E. Cooper, Alpha Zeta '44.

With Jack Burnett of Alpha Zeta, Frank compiled *Introduction to Gamma Sigma* which led to the *Gamma Sigma Manual* edited by Frank and Past Grand President James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50. While teaching at Niagara District Secondary School, he served as the Advisor to Beta Tau Chapter at that school for ten years. Frank has attended a total of nineteen convocations since 1946.

Brother Cooper received the Gold Honor Key in 1950, the Robert M. Weir Fidelity Award in 1952, and the Charles D. McLean Founder's Scale in 1963. He was nominated to membership in Alpha Delta Tau, the honorary fraternity of the I.F.C., in 1953.

Frank Cooper's greatest contributions to the fraternity could be classed as leadership for expansion, knowledge through publications, and understanding through good public relations.

George Ashley Matthews
Grand President, 1951 - 1952

George Ashley Matthews joined Tau Chapter in 1947 while a student at North High School in Worcester, Massachusetts. He held many chapter offices including two terms as President. He was first elected to the Grand Council in 1949 as Grand Marshall. The following year he was elected Grand Secretary and in 1951, he was elevated to the Office of the Grand President.

A graduate of Springfield College, Brother Matthews is now employed as the Assistant Principal at Cranston High School in East Cranston, Rhode Island.

George Ashley Matthews, Tau '47
Grand President 1951-1952.

Donald Cameron Crounse
Grand President, 1952 - 1953

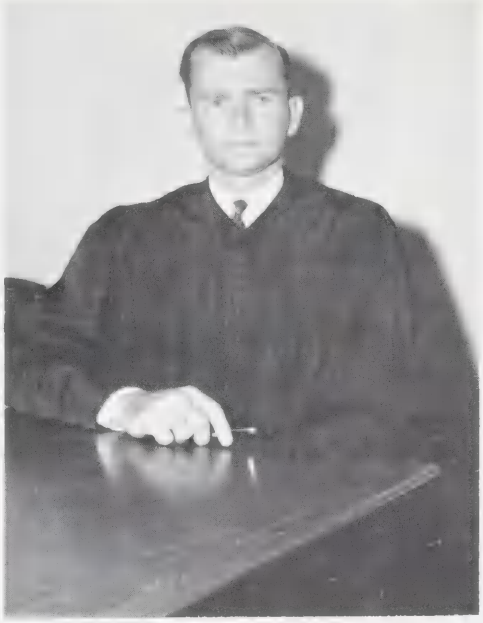
Donald Cameron Crounse was born on November 1st, 1931 in Washington, D.C., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos C. Crounse. He grew up in Northern Virginia and attended public schools in Arlington, Virginia.

While a student at Washington and Lee High School in Arlington during 1948, he was initiated into Alpha Omicron Chapter of Gamma Sigma Fraternity.

Brother Crounse graduated from high school in 1949 and attended the University of Virginia from 1949 to 1953, graduating with a BA degree.

During the years 1949 to 1953, Donald attended Convocations in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Baltimore, Maryland, Worcester, Massachusetts and Syracuse, New York. He served as 3rd Vice-President during 1949-1950, 1st Vice-President during 1950-1951, Grand Vice-President during 1951-1952, and Grand Presiding Officer during the 1952-1953 fraternal year. A Gold Honor Key was awarded to him in 1951 at the 82nd Annual Convocation.

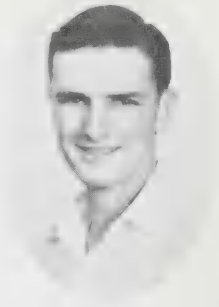
Donald Crounse served in the United States Army in Europe from 1954 to 1956. Upon his return, he entered the University of Virginia Law School, graduating with an LL.B. degree in 1959. He then practised law in New York City for one year.



Donald C. Crounse, Alpha Omicron '49
Grand President 1952-1953

Brother Crounse returned to Northern Virginia in 1960 where he has resided ever since. In 1961, after two years of private practice, he was appointed Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and thereafter served as a Criminal Prosecutor for the State of Virginia until 1965. In July, 1965, he was appointed Judge of the Fairfax County Court, a position which he holds today.

Outgoing Grand President George Matthews (left in U.S. Army uniform) turns over office to Grand President Donald Crounse in 1952.



Kurt K. Cannon, Omicron '49
Grand President 1953-1954

Kurt K. Cannon
Grand President, 1953 - 1954

Kurt K. Cannon was initiated into Omicron Chapter on May 24th, 1949 while a student at Nottingham High School in Syracuse, N.Y. He served as Marshal, Secretary, and President of Omicron Chapter.

Brother Cannon graduated in 1952 from high school as the "top man" in his class and he immediately entered Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

Kurt attended four Convocations as a member of Gamma Sigma. He served the Fraternity as the Eastern Grand Vice-President during the 1952-1953 fraternal year and he became Grand President in 1953 at the 84th Convocation, a position which he held for one year. He was presented with a Grand Chapter Silver Honor Award in 1952.

James Robert Darrah
Grand President, 1954 - 1956

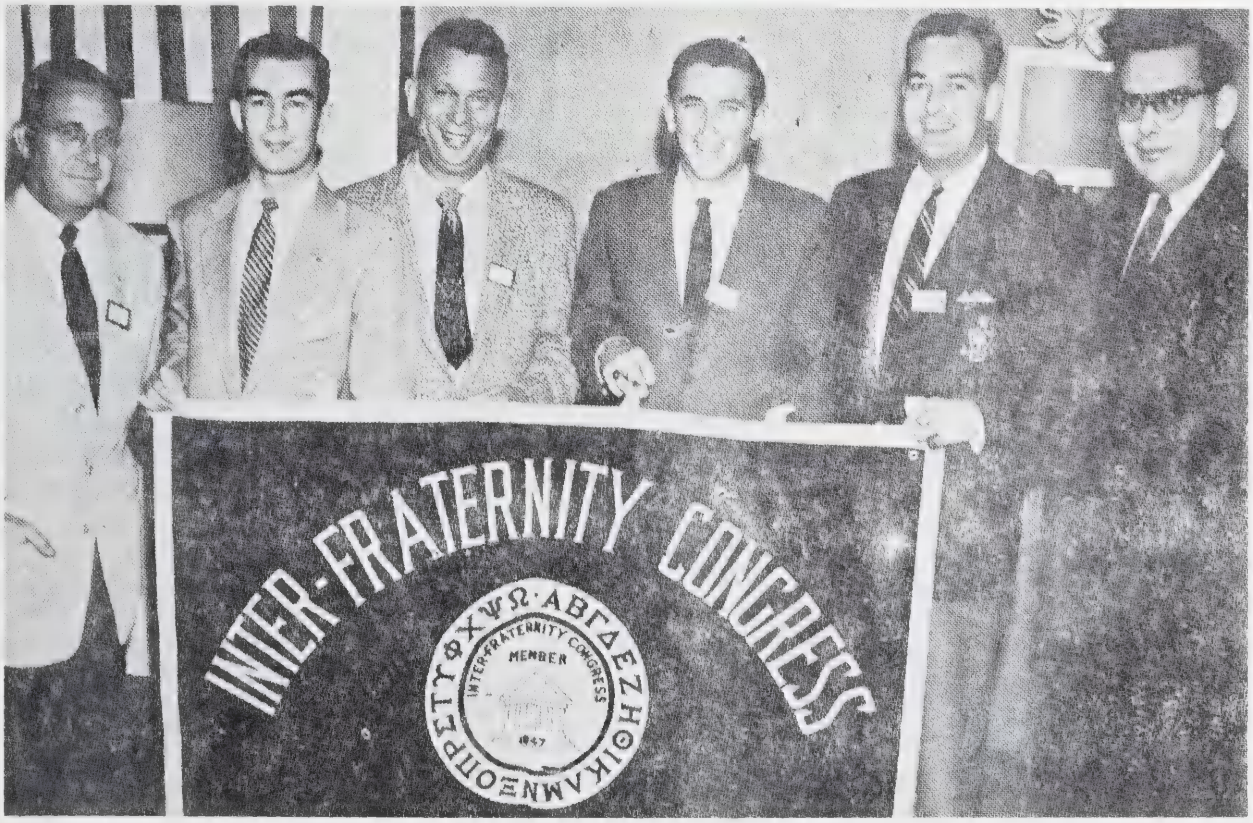
James Robert Darrah was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario on October 23rd, 1927, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Darrah. He received his early education at Maple Street Public School and the Niagara Falls Collegiate Vocational Institute. He enrolled in University College at the University of Toronto and received his B.A. degree in 1950. He returned to the Faculty of Law at the University and obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1953. After two years of articling and attendance at Osgoode Hall, he was called to the Ontario Bar in 1955.

Past Grand President Kurt K. Cannon, Omicron '49, presents Grand President's diamond pin to Grand President James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50 (left).

The "Shade", as he was known in Gamma Sigma, was engaged in private practice in St. Thomas, Ontario from 1955 until 1959, at which time he joined a municipal publishing firm known as the Municipal World, also located in St. Thomas. He was elected to the St. Thomas Public School Board and served for three years, two of these as Chairman of the Board.

First Canadian Meeting of the Inter-Fraternity Congress, Niagara Falls (1956)

L. to r.—Dr. P. Hubert Kuhn, Sigma Phi Omega Fraternity (I.F.C. President); James L. S. Fermoile, Gamma Delta Psi Fraternity (I.F.C. Executive Vice-President); Donald Will, Delta Sigma Fraternity (Immediate Past I.F.C. President); and Gamma Sigma members Edward L. Bevans (Grand President), Frank E. Cooper (Trustee), and James R. Darrah (Chairman of the Board of Trustees).



In September of 1963, Jim moved to Kitchener, Ontario and was appointed City Clerk effective January 1st, 1964. In September of 1967, he was appointed City Co-ordinator (City Manager), the position he now holds.

Brother Darrah joined the fraternity on December 28th, 1950 as a charter member of the re-activated Beta Zeta Chapter. Just as Robert M. Weir, Kappa, Brother Darrah's first elected Grand Council Office was as Grand President in 1954, a position he held for two years. He served two terms as Chairman of the Board from 1956 to 1958. He was elected as a Trustee during the 1958-1959 fraternal year and was elected Grand Secretary for a one year term in 1959. When Robert Weir died in 1961, Jim was appointed by Grand President Edward L. Bevans to complete Weir's term on the Board of Trustees.

Brother Darrah was awarded the Gold Honor Key in 1952 and the Charles D. McLean Founder's Scale in 1961. He was elected to the Alpha Delta Tau Honorary Fraternity of the I.F.C. in 1958. Along with Past Grand President Frank Cooper, Jim was responsible for a great expansion programme in Gamma Sigma during the early 1950's, especially in the Toronto Area.

Edward L. Bevans
Grand President, 1956 - 1958,
1962 - 1963

Edward L. Bevans was inducted into Beta Iota Chapter in 1949 while attending the Baltimore Polytechnic School in Baltimore, Maryland. He held most chapter offices.

In 1952, Ed entered the United States Army where he served until 1955. Upon his return, he became a Regional Supervisor in Baltimore, a position he held for one year. At the 87th Convocation in 1956, he was elected Grand President and was re-elected the following year. In 1958, he was elected to the Board of Trustees and remained a Trustee until 1960 when he became the International Advisor for two years. Brother Bevans became the third three-time Grand President in the history of Gamma Sigma when he was re-elected in 1962.

Having taken up residence in Seattle, Washington during his second term as Grand President, Ed often travelled across the United States to bolster the strength of the organization. He was awarded the Robert M. Weir Fidelity Award in 1955 and the Gold Honor Key in 1958. He became a member of the Alpha Delta Tau Honorary Fraternity in 1959.

Brother Bevans now resides with his wife and family in Jacksonville, Florida.

Grand President Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota '49, meets Louis Armstrong in 1956.

Retiring G.P.O. Ed Bevans invests G.P.O-elect Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi, with his medallion of office.

Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu '53
Grand President 1959-1960

Morley C. Kells
Grand President, 1959 - 1960

Morley Kells was born in Midland, Ontario on January 26th, 1936. He came to Toronto at the age of five with his family. He attended the local public schools before enrolling at Vaughan Road Collegiate. He transferred to Mimico High School where he completed his high school education.

"Moe" became a member of Beta Nu Chapter in March of 1953 while at Mimico High. Morley was elected Grand Marshall in 1954, N.G.V.P.O. in 1956, and Grand Secretary in 1957, an office he held for two years. He was elected Grand President in 1959 and became a Trustee in 1962, serving on the Board for seven years including two terms as Chairman from 1966 to 1968.

Brother Kells was awarded the Robert M. Weir Fidelity Award in 1955, the Gold Honor Key in 1955, and the Charles D. McLean Founder's Scale in 1965. He was elected to the Alpha Delta Tau Honorary Fraternity in 1961.

Morley worked for the Ontario Society for Crippled Children before moving to the *Toronto Telegram.*

He was Assistant Promotion Manager for that organization prior to moving to MacLaren Advertising Ltd. where he is currently employed as the Creative Chief on Hockey Night in Canada and as Editor of the Maple Leaf Gardens Programme and Magazine. Moe is also the Executive Vice-President of Travel Pak Ltd., Canada's largest product sampler. He plans to retain his hockey duties on a free-lance basis while developing his own public relations and promotion company.

Morley was an excellent athlete in his day and still remains extremely interested in this area. He founded the Toronto Maple Leaf Lacrosse Club in 1966 and was instrumental in the formation of the National Lacrosse Association in 1968, a venture into the development of lacrosse as a professional sport.

Brother Kells married the former Gloria Pellegrin in 1958 and they have four children: Christine, 10; Bradley, 8; Terry, 7; and Louise, 2. The Kells now reside in Mississauga, Ontario where they have lived for the past 8 years.

Brian R. Kelly, Gamma Delta '59
Grand President '63-'64, '66-'67

Brian Regis A. Kelly
Grand President, 1963 - 1964, 1966 - 1967

Brian R. Kelly was born in Wawa, Ontario on August 2nd, 1941. He received his elementary education in Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay, Ontario. The family moved to Toronto when Brian was ready for high school and he enrolled at St. Michael's College, later transferring to Earl Haig Collegiate in Willowdale, Ontario where he completed his high school education. He attended the Toronto Teachers' College, graduating in 1962. Brian taught for three years and has been the Principal of St. Philomena School in Ft. Erie, Ontario since 1965. He completed his university education by extension and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Queen's University in 1968.

Brian was the District Second Vice-President of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association from 1966 to 1968 and was Salary Consultant and Negotiating Chairman for his federation during the 1968-1969 school year. Brother Kelly was inducted into Gamma Delta Chapter of Gamma Sigma on March 1st, 1959. He was active in the Toronto District Council from 1960 to 1961 serving as Chairman of the Council in the Spring of 1961.

He was elected N.G.V.P.O. in 1961 and re-elected in 1962. He was elected Grand President in 1963 and served on the Board of Trustees from 1964 to 1966 when he was re-elected to the Office of the Grand President. He has served as a Trustee since 1967.

Brian was awarded the Silver Honor Award in 1961 and the Gold Honor Key in 1964. He was the last member of Gamma Sigma to be elected to the Alpha Delta Tau, this being in 1965.

Brother Kelly married the former Dianne Dorst on July 5th, 1969 and they now reside in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Gary William Hunt
Grand President, 1964 - 1966

Gary W. Hunt was born in Toronto and received his education in St. Clair Public School, Western Technical-Commercial School, Weston Collegiate Institute, and Lakeshore Teachers' College. He is presently working extramurally toward his B.A. degree at York University. For three years he taught the experimental science approach to children of grades 4, 5, and 6. In June of 1967, he was promoted to the position of Science Consultant for the City of Toronto Board of Education. A member of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education on the Science Curriculum Development Committee since 1964, he is presently teaching this course to science teachers throughout Toronto.

Grand Presidents Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota '61 (left) and Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61 (right).

He produced a film "Science in the Elementary Classroom" for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and another film "Science by Inquiry and Discovery" for the Toronto Board of Education, and is called upon as consultant in the production of science films and text books for other writers and producers. While attending Weston Collegiate, Gary was inducted into the Gamma Iota Chapter of Gamma Sigma in January, 1961. While a chapter member he filled the offices of Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President. He was elected Grand Treasurer in 1963 and Grand President in 1964, a position he held for two years. He became a Trustee in 1966 and was elected Chairman of the Board in 1968. He was awarded the Silver Honor Award in 1964 and received the Gold Honor Key in 1966.

Joseph William Atkinson
Grand President, 1967 - 1969

Joseph William Atkinson was born in 1945 in Toronto and he received his elementary education in New Toronto. The family relocated in Rexdale, Ontario in 1959 and he enrolled at Thistletown Collegiate. His father died that year and when his mother remarried in 1962, the family moved again and Joe transferred to Kipling Collegiate, graduating in 1965.

Brother Atkinson entered the Lakeshore Teachers' College in 1965 where he served as President of the Student Body and upon graduation, he was awarded the Prince of Wales Award as the top graduating teacher. For the past three years, Joe has been employed by the Toronto Board of Education. In September of 1969, he will enter York University, on a leave of absence from the Toronto Board, to complete his B.A. degree.

Joe was a charter member of Gamma Omicron Chapter in 1961 and a charter member of Gamma Pi one year later. He held most chapter offices including two terms as President of Gamma Pi. He was awarded the Chapter Silver Honor Award in 1965.

Brother Atkinson was appointed Editor of the *Pyramid and Crescent* in January 1965 and was re-appointed at the 96th Convocation that same year. He was elected Grand Treasurer in 1966 and made a successful bid for the Grand Presidency of Gamma Sigma in 1967.

Joe was awarded the Grand Chapter Silver Honor Award in 1965, the Robert M. Weir Fidelity Award in 1966, and the Gold Honor Key in 1967. Brother Atkinson wrote and edited *Gamma Sigma — The First One Hundred Years* in honour of Gamma Sigma's centennial.

Joe married the former Judith Anne Hinton in July of 1968 and the Atkinsons now reside in Rexdale.

CHAPTER TWELVE

Awards in Gamma Sigma

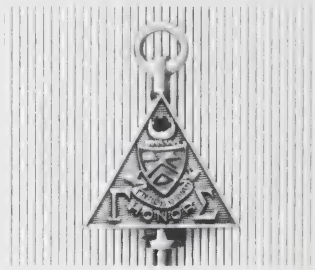
Gamma Sigma enjoys the largest and most varied line of awards of any secondary school fraternity. This has come about through the efforts of Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, in collaboration with our official jeweler, the L. G. Balfour Company.

The basis for Gamma Sigma awards is achievement in some phase of fraternity. The award may be individual or by chapter according to the specific rules of the presentation. Every member and every chapter is eligible to win any of the awards. Some are clear cut in terms of the recipient such as when the winner is selected by means of a prepared point scoring system; the others are democratically nominated and, in turn, are chosen by an Awards Committee, usually at the Annual Convocation. However, in every case, outstanding service to Gamma Sigma is a prerequisite.

Honor Awards

These awards were first suggested by Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, and were officially adopted in 1937 at the 68th Convocation.

The award appears in the shape of a pyramid bearing the official emblem of the fraternity with the Greek letter Gamma in the lower left and Sigma in the lower right corners respectively. The word Honor reposes beneath the motto.



Gold Honor Key
—first presented in 1938

Gold Honor Key

The Gold Honor Key is the highest and most coveted individual award bestowed in Gamma Sigma. Two are given annually by the Grand Chapter for outstanding service to the general fraternity. A member may receive the Key only once and it is not presented to an incoming Grand President (exception was Joseph W. Atkinson, Gamma Pi '61 in 1967). These awards are announced and presented at each succeeding Convocation. Recipients of the Key may use the initials G.H.K. after their names. The following men have received the Key:

1938 Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta
Charles Willard Hendrick, Alpha Psi
1939 Thomas Buchanon, Alpha Sigma
Robert Myrton Weir, Kappa
1940 Thomas P. Williams, Alpha Delta
Norman C. Dodge, Kappa
1941 Robert G. Christopher, Alpha Zeta
1946 Roland Lee, Alpha Zeta
A. Raymond Bevans, Beta Theta
1947 Arthur H. Neal, Alpha Kappa
Harold G. Dobson, Alpha
1948 Terry S. Green, Omicron
Albert G. Frank, Beta
1949 John Burnett, Alpha Zeta
Paul B. Coulson, Alpha Zeta
1950 Frederick S. Holbrook, Alpha
Frank Emerson Cooper, Alpha Zeta
1951 Jerry Benson, Omicron
Donald Cameron Crounse, Alpha Omicron
1952 James Robert Darrah, Beta Zeta
Ronney E. Scott, Beta Iota
1953 Robert MacAdorey, Alpha Kappa
George Ashley Matthews, Tau
1954 Brian O'Heany, Beta Nu
Alex Gauthier, Alpha Kappa
1955 Earl George Hamil, Alpha
Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu
1956 Randolph Smith, Beta Iota
Donald P. Keck, Beta Iota
1957 Edward Wilbur Rayburn, Alpha
Charles L. Allen, Alpha Chi
1958 Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha
Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota
1959 Elmore Evans, Alpha Chi
Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi
1960 John S. Adams, Beta Nu
1961 Ronald Fawcett, Beta Zeta
Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi
1962 Morgan Harris, Gamma Beta
1963 William A. Redmond, Gamma Theta
1964 Brian Regis A. Kelly, Gamma Delta
1965 Brian J. Alexander, Beta Pi
1966 George North, Gamma Mu
Gary William Hunt, Gamma Iota
1967 John R. Wills, Gamma Tau
Joseph William Atkinson, Gamma Pi
1968 James E. Ryan, Beta Pi
Douglas Brian Mundy, Gamma Pi

Silver Honor Award

The Silver Honor Award is the highest chapter award in Gamma Sigma. It is similar to the Gold Honor Key except that it is made of sterling silver and is a pin in style. Most chapters present two annually to their prominent and consistent chapter workers, those trying to live by the Gamma Sigma Creed. The chapter award is plain.

The Silver Honor Award was not presented on an international level until the 82nd Convocation in 1951. Four years later, at the 86th Convocation, a ruby was added to the pin presented by the Grand Chapter to distinguish it from the chapter award.

The recipients hold the distinction of placing the letters S.H.A. after their names. The following men have received the Silver Honor Award from the Grand Chapter:

1951 Paul Dyberg, Tau
Ronney E. Scott, Beta Iota
1952 Richard Groves, Omicron
Kurt K. Cannon, Omicron
1953 John Athman, Beta Iota
Walter Tane, Alpha Zeta
1954 John Tracey, Omicron
Charles Lacey, Beta Iota
1955 James Graham, Beta Mu
Paul Kremer, Alpha Omega
1956 Charles L. Allen, Alpha Chi
Randy Bruns, Alpha Omicron
1957 Millard P. Eppig, Alpha Chi
Allen Bel, Alpha Zeta
1958 Gus Loeffler, Baltimore Alumni
Alex Christie, Beta Zeta
1959 Ronald Fawcett, Beta Zeta
1960 unknown
1961 William A. Redmond, Gamma Theta
Brian Regis A. Kelly, Gamma Delta
1962 Robert Murch, Beta Upsilon
Malcolm Proudlock, Gamma Delta
1963 George North, Gamma Mu
Stafford Chenery, Beta Pi
1964 James E. Ryan, Beta Pi
Patrick A. Serrao, Beta Zeta
Gary William Hunt, Gamma Iota
1965 Joseph William Atkinson, Gamma Pi
James H. MacDonald, Beta Zeta
1966 John R. Wills, Gamma Tau
1967 Thomas McEwen, Delta Zeta
Alan J. O'Shaugnessy, Beta Pi
1968 Ronald Gugula, Beta Pi

Robert M. Weir Fidelity Award

This award was first presented by Robert M. Weir of Kappa at the 81st Convocation in 1950. It is presented to that member of the fraternity who most exemplifies, by his work within Gamma Sigma and his actions without, the Gamma Sigma Creed. This award, then, goes to the Gamma Sigma 'Man of the Year'. It is one of the most coveted individual awards in the fraternity.

A permanent award was donated by Delta Gamma Chapter in 1968 to provide a lasting record of recipients of the Fidelity Award:

1949 - 1950	John Burnett, Alpha Zeta
1950 - 1951	Gerald Benson, Omicron
1951 - 1952	Frank Emerson Cooper, Alpha Zeta
1952 - 1953	L. Patrick Ryan, Alpha Zeta
1953 - 1954	Albert G. Frank, Beta
1954 - 1955	Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu
1955 - 1956	Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota
1956 - 1957	Elmore Evans, Alpha Chi
1957 - 1958	John S. Adams, Beta Nu
1958 - 1959	Daniel L. Lett, Beta Zeta
1959 - 1960	unknown
1960 - 1961	David Tinker, Beta Zeta
1961 - 1962	unknown
1962 - 1963	Malcolm Proudlock, Gamma Delta
1963 - 1964	Brian J. Alexander, Beta Pi
1964 - 1965	John R. Wills, Gamma Tau
1965 - 1966	Joseph William Atkinson, Gamma Pi
1966 - 1967	William R. Anderson, Gamma Zeta
1967 - 1968	Allan W. King, Delta Gamma

Robert M. Weir Convocation Achievement Award

This award was first presented at the 81st Convocation in 1950 through the efforts of Robert M. Weir of Kappa. It is presented to the individual showing outstanding achievement in service and in contribution to the success of the fraternity while it convenes in session on the days of its convention.

Henry Hoeck, Beta Iota (left), receives first Convocation Achievement Award from donor, Robert M. Weir, Kappa.

The recipient must also motivate both the business and the social pleasures of such meeting and display outstanding leadership in contributing much for the guidance of the fraternity.

The following men have received the Convo Achievement Award:

1950	81st	Henry Hoeck, Beta Iota
1951	82nd	John Barrett, Alpha Kappa
1952	83rd	Paul Sullivan, Alpha Zeta
1953	84th	unknown
1954	85th	James Kennedy, Omicron
1955	86th	Alex Gauthier, Alpha Kappa
1956	87th	Randolph Smith, Beta Iota
1957	88th	Bud Murchie, Alpha Zeta
1958	89th	Robert Davis, Alpha Chi
1959	90th	Ronald Fawcett, Beta Zeta
1960	91st	Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi
1961	92nd	William Doyle, Beta Nu
1962	93rd	Charles Speck, Alpha Zeta
1963	94th	Ronald Gilmore, Gamma Mu
1964	95th	William A. Redmond, Gamma Theta
1965	96th	James H. MacDonald, Beta Zeta
1966	97th	Joseph Makin, Alpha Psi
1967	98th	Ronald Z. Lenyk, Beta Pi
1968	99th	Gary T. Hughes, Beta Zeta

Charles D. McLean Founder's Scale

Robert M. Weir proposed this award at the 86th Convocation in 1955 but it was not adopted as an official award until the following year. The Scale is presented, in honour of our founder, to a person with at least ten years service to Gamma Sigma. Very few men are considered for the award and only the most deserving receive it.

It derives its name from the following:

S — sincerity and service
C — character and courage
A — activity and accomplishment
L — loyalty and leniency
E — effort and endurance

The following men have served Gamma Sigma unselfishly:

1956	Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31
1957	Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27
1958	Harold Gardner Dobson, Alpha '00
1959	Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha '20
1960	Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha '28
1961	James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta '50
1962	Albert G. Frank, Beta '32
1963	Frank E. Cooper, Alpha Zeta '44
1964	not presented
1965	Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu '53
1966	John S. Adams, Beta Nu '53
1967	Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi '57
1967	Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi
1968	Johnstone L. Roberts, Alpha Kappa '34

Inter-Chapter Efficiency Trophy

This trophy was first proposed by Robert M. Weir, Kappa '31, at the 69th Convocation in 1938. He suggested that the trophy be introduced "to increase interest among the chapters". The "Grand Council Trophy", as it was originally known, was first presented in 1939 and it became a permanent trophy in 1940.

The Efficiency Trophy is awarded on a points basis each year by the Grand Secretary. It is one of the most coveted trophies in competition among the chapters.

The following chapters have been holders of the trophy:

1938 - 1939	Kappa, Malden, Massachusetts
1939 - 1940	Kappa, Malden, Massachusetts
1940 - 1941	Alpha Zeta, Niagara Falls, Ontario
1941 - 1946	not presented during World War II
1946 - 1947	Alpha Zeta, Niagara Falls, Ontario
1947 - 1948	Omicron, Syracuse, New York
1948 - 1949	Alpha Kappa, Stamford, Ontario
1949 - 1950	Tau, Worcester, Massachusetts
1950 - 1951	Omicron, Syracuse, New York
1951 - 1952	Omicron, Syracuse, New York
1952 - 1953	Alpha Zeta, Niagara Falls, Ontario
1953 - 1954	Beta Nu, Mimico, Ontario
1954 - 1955	Beta Mu, Baldwinsville, New York
1955 - 1956	Tau, Worcester, Massachusetts
1956 - 1957	Alpha Zeta, Niagara Falls, Ontario
1957 - 1958	Alpha Kappa, Stamford, Ontario
1958 - 1959	Beta Omicron, Etobicoke, Ontario
1959 - 1960	Beta Xi, Baltimore, Maryland
1960 - 1961	Gamma Alpha, Etobicoke, Ontario
1961 - 1962	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario
1962 - 1963	Gamma Iota, Weston, Ontario
1963 - 1964	Beta Pi, New Toronto, Ontario
1964 - 1965	Beta Pi, New Toronto, Ontario
1965 - 1966	Alpha Psi, Niagara Falls, Ontario
1966 - 1967	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario
1967 - 1968	Gamma Omicron, Rexdale, Ontario

President's Cup

The "Activity Trophy", as it was first known, was first presented at the 86th Convocation in 1955 through the efforts of Grand President James Robert Darrah, Beta Zeta '50. It is awarded annually to what one might call Gamma Sigma's "most active chapter".

The following chapters have been presented with the Cup by the Grand President:

1954 - 1955	Alpha Kappa, Stamford, Ontario
1955 - 1956	Alpha Omicron, Arlington, Virginia
1956 - 1957	Alpha Chi, Baltimore, Maryland
1957 - 1958	Beta Xi, Baltimore, Maryland
1958 - 1959	Alpha Psi, Niagara Falls, Ontario
1959 - 1960	unknown
1960 - 1961	Beta Nu, Mimico, Ontario
1961 - 1962	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario
1962 - 1963	Beta Xi, Baltimore, Maryland
1963 - 1964	Beta Pi, New Toronto, Ontario
1964 - 1965	Gamma Iota, Weston, Ontario
1965 - 1966	Gamma Iota, Weston, Ontario
1966 - 1967	Gamma Upsilon, Rexdale, Ontario
1967 - 1968	Gamma Omicron, Rexdale, Ontario

Edward C. Peckham Honour Trophy

The 89th Convocation in 1958 was the origin of this important alumni club award. The trophy was donated by the Alpha Zeta Alumni Club of Niagara Falls, Ontario in honour of one of Gamma Sigma's greatest brothers, Past Grand President Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta '27.

The trophy is awarded to the most outstanding alumni club in any one year. Competition has never been too great for this award as there has never been an abundance of alumni clubs in Gamma Sigma.

The following clubs have held the trophy:

1959	Baltimore A. C., Baltimore, Maryland
1960	not presented
1961	Cooksville A. C., Cooksville, Ontario
1962	not presented
1963	not presented
1964	not presented
1965	Gamma Sigma Toronto A. C., Toronto, Ontario
1966	Gamma Tau A. C., Toronto, Ontario
1967	Gamma Sigma York A. C., Toronto, Ontario
1968	Gamma Sigma Toronto A. C., Toronto, Ontario

Lloyd E. Brown Memorial Trophy

This trophy was proposed at the 86th Convocation in 1955 by Robert M. Weir of Kappa and was adopted and presented for the first time at the 87th Convocation the following year.

The trophy is presented to that chapter or club contributing most to the success of the official fraternity publication, the *Pyramid and Crescent.* Very appropriately, the trophy was named after the first Editor and Publisher of the magazine, Lloyd E. Brown, Gamma '01. The *Pyramid and Crescent* has been successful thanks to these chapters:

1955 - 1956	Alpha Chi, Baltimore, Maryland
1956 - 1957	Alpha Chi, Baltimore, Maryland
1957 - 1958	Beta Xi, Baltimore, Maryland
1958 - 1959	Alpha Psi, Niagara Falls, Ontario
1959 - 1960	not presented
1960 - 1961	Beta Upsilon, Etobicoke, Ontario
1961 - 1962	not presented
1962 - 1963	Gamma Alpha, Etobicoke, Ontario
1963 - 1964	not presented
1964 - 1965	Gamma Pi, Etobicoke, Ontario
1965 - 1966	Beta Zeta, Toronto, Ontario
1966 - 1967	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario
1967 - 1968	Gamma Chi, St. Catharines, Ontario

Gwynn Engel Memorial Award

"The Balfour Cup", as it was first called, was conceived at the 72nd Convocation in 1941. It was donated by the L. G. Balfour Company to be presented to the chapter with the largest attendance at Convocation, taking into consideration the distance travelled and participation in all aspects of the Convocation. Because of the Second World War, the award was never presented.

After the war, during the reconstruction years of 1946 to 1949, the award became known as the "Attendance Trophy". However, convocations were disorganized and poorly attended during these years and the trophy was eventually lost never to be recovered.

It was not until the 81st Convocation held in 1950 that the trophy was revived. The trophy was proposed and donated by the Baltimore Alumni Club in memory of Baltimore Brother Gywnn Engel who was killed while serving in the Armed Services. It was originally proposed as the "Gywnn Engel Memorial Convocation Attendance Award" but the name was later changed to the present one.

The following chapters have received the award:

1950	81st	Alpha Zeta, Niagara Falls, Ontario
1951	82nd	Beta Iota, Baltimore, Maryland
1952	83rd	Alpha Omicron, Arlington, Virginia
1953	84th	Beta Iota, Baltimore, Maryland
1954	85th	Beta, Rochester, New York
1955	86th	Alpha Omega, Snyder, New York
1956	87th	Tau, Worcester, Massachusetts
1957	88th	Beta Xi, Baltimore, Maryland
1958	89th	Beta Omicron, Etobicoke, Ontario
1959	90th	Beta Xi, Baltimore, Maryland
1960	91st	unknown
1961	92nd	Gamma Theta, Baltimore, Maryland
1962	93rd	Beta Mu, Baldwinsville, New York
1963	94th	Beta Xi, Baltimore, Maryland
1964	95th	Beta Zeta, Toronto, Ontario
1965	96th	Beta Tau, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario
1966	97th	Beta Pi, New Toronto, Ontario
1967	98th	Rho, Niagara Falls, New York
1968	99th	Delta Gamma, Scarborough, Ontario

Paul Allison Memorial Trophy

It was decided by the delegates to the 89th Convocation in 1958 that a trophy should be created to recognize the best album or scrapbook kept by a chapter on any one year's events.

It was suggested by Alpha Omicron Chapter of Arlington, Virginia that the trophy be named in memory of a Past President of that Chapter, Brother Paul Allison. This trophy was first presented at the 90th Convocation and the winner has traditionally been chosen by the Grand Historian, Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha '20, assisted by the Grand Custodian, Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha '28, and the Grand Chaplain, Albert G. Frank, Beta '32.

The following chapters have received this award:

1958 - 1959	Alpha Psi, Niagara Falls, Ontario
1959 - 1960	unknown
1960 - 1961	Beta Psi, Baltimore, Maryland
1961 - 1962	not presented
1962 - 1963	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario
1963 - 1964	Beta Pi, New Toronto, Ontario
1964 - 1965	Gamma Iota, Weston, Ontario
1965 - 1966	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario
1966 - 1967	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario
1967 - 1968	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario

Michael Bogels Award

During the 1961-1962 school year, Michael Bogels of Beta Nu Chapter was participating in a gymnastics display at Mimico High School in Mimico, Ontario. As he was finishing his routine, he fell and examination revealed that he was paralyzed from the waist down.

That same year, in Brother Bogels' honour, the members of Beta Nu placed the Michael Bogels Award in competition for the most improved chapter.

The following chapters have received the Mike Bogels Award:

1962	Gamma Lambda, West Hill, Ontario
1963	Gamma Iota, Weston, Ontario
1964	Gamma Tau, Toronto, Ontario
1965	Gamma Zeta, Toronto, Ontario
1966	Gamma Kappa, Burlington, Ontario
1967	Gamma Rho, Welland, Ontario
1968	Gamma Omega, Scarborough, Ontario

Gary W. Hunt Public Service Award

This award was first presented in 1966 at the 97th Convocation in Niagara Falls, Ontario by Gary W. Hunt, Gamma Iota '61, the retiring Grand President. A strong believer in Gamma Sigma's role in the community, Brother Hunt wanted to recognize the chapter most worthy in this field. In his honour, the award was re-named the Gary W. Hunt Public Service Award at the 99th Convocation in 1968.

The following chapters have received the award:

1965 - 1966	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario
1966 - 1967	Gamma Mu, Fonthill, Ontario
1967 - 1968	Beta Upsilon, Etobicoke, Ontario

Alpha Delta Tau Honorary Fraternity

The most recent Inter-Fraternity Congress was formed on March 22nd, 1947. Realizing that the welfare of the member fraternities rested, in the final analysis, upon the individual workers in the vineyards of fraternalism, the Congress re-established the Alpha Delta Tau Honorary Achievement Fraternity into whose membership each member fraternity elected its outstanding brother each year.

Alpha Delta Tau is to the secondary school fraternity what Phi Beta Kappa is to the college fraternity. It was founded in 1906 at the Tome Institute of Maryland by Abram W. Harris, later President of Northwestern University. The fraternity adopted the colours dark blue and gold.

Gamma Sigma Fraternity accepted this honorary fraternity at her 80th Convocation in 1949 and she has since elected nineteen members to A.D.T.

1946 - 1947	Robert M. Weir, Kappa
1947 - 1948	Edward C. Peckham, Alpha Zeta
1948 - 1949	Albert G. Frank, Beta
1949 - 1950	Charles W. Hendrick, Alpha Psi
1950 - 1951	Thomas P. Williams, Alpha Delta
1951 - 1952	Wilbur Ward Hiler, Alpha
1952 - 1953	Frank E. Cooper, Jr., Alpha Zeta
1953 - 1954	Earl George Hamil, Alpha
1954 - 1955	Harold G. Dobson, Alpha
1955 - 1956	Roland Lee, Alpha Zeta
1956 - 1957	A. Raymond Bevans, Beta Theta
1957 - 1958	James R. Darrah, Beta Zeta
1958 - 1959	Edward L. Bevans, Beta Iota
1959 - 1960	Herbert Brown, Beta Iota
1960 - 1961	Morley C. Kells, Beta Nu
1961 - 1962	Norman M. Landes, Beta Xi
1962 - 1963	John S. Adams, Beta Nu
1963 - 1964	Bruce E. Sellors, Beta Phi
1964 - 1965	Brian R. Kelly, Gamma Delta

Certificate of Merit

Some confusion arises as to the appearance of the first Certificate of Merit. The shingle, as we know it today, was referred to as a Certificate of Merit in 1921 and the name appears often in early records. However, Certificates of Merit, to recognize some contribution to the international organization by either a member or by an outsider, were introduced and adopted at the 81st Convocation in 1950. These certificates are presented by the Grand President and the Chairman of the Board on the recommendation of any member of Gamma Sigma. Hundreds have been awarded since 1950.

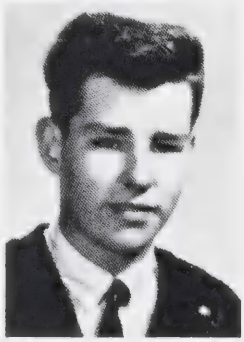
CHAPTER THIRTEEN

"School First Then Your Fraternity"

Scholarship in Gamma Sigma

Although many chapters had scholarship plans prior to 1959, a plan was not proposed on the international level in Gamma Sigma until that year. A committee, under the co-chairmanship of Norman M. Landes of Beta Xi and David E. Tinker of Gamma Delta, was established in 1961 to draw up a scholarship plan. The plan was presented at the 93rd Convocation in 1962 and some changes were made. David E. Tinker, Gamma Delta '57, was appointed the first Scholarship Director. At the Fall Meeting held in Brockport, New York during October of 1962, the plan was officially adopted and named the Robert M. Weir Memorial Scholarship. Two scholarships of $100. were to be presented annually to a deserving American and to a deserving Canadian brother.

Norman Kellman, Gamma Iota '62, was appointed Director of the plan in January of 1965 and James E. Ryan, Beta Pi '61, took over the post one year later.



Scholarship Directors: Norman Kellman, Gamma Iota '62 (left) and James E. Ryan, Beta Pi '61.

The Plan was amended in 1965 at the 96th Convocation to provide for four $100. scholarships. An Honour Roll was also established that year to contain the names of all brothers in the fraternity receiving first-class honours in their graduating year.

The Plan was renamed the Johnstone L. Roberts Scholarship Awards in 1968 in honour of the Grand Attorney, Judge Johnstone L. Roberts, Alpha Kappa '34. The grants were also doubled to four $200. scholarships.

The following brothers have received Gamma Sigma scholarships:

1963	David Lavallee, Beta Mu
	Charles Homer, Beta Omicron
1964	Roderick Caulfield, Gamma Pi
1965	Gordon Homer, Beta Omicron
	Brian Jones
	Arnold Rubenstein, Beta Zeta
	Terrance Cave, Gamma Pi
1966	Gus Pristupa, Gamma Pi
	Alan Tustin, Alpha Zeta
	Norman Okihiro, Beta Phi
	Donald Harding, Gamma Tau
1967	Karl Perkons, Gamma Pi
	Daniel Sanson, Beta Tau
1968	Robert Cyr, Gamma Rho
	Wayne Smith, Gamma Mu
	Dave Flindall, Delta Kappa
	Paul Cornwall, Gamma Rho

Tom Singer Memorial Trophy

In memory of a brother who died on August 18th, 1963 in a car accident, the Gamma Delta and Gamma Nu Chapters donated this trophy to the Grand Chapter in 1963. The purpose is to promote chapter scholarship, the idea arising from the fact that Tom was in attendance at the Toronto Teachers' College when he was killed. The trophy is awarded by the Scholarship Director to the chapter with the best overall academic average in any one year.

The following chapters have "put school first":

1962 - 1963	Beta Omicron, Etobicoke, Ontario
1963 - 1964	not presented
1964 - 1965	not presented
1965 - 1966	Beta Pi, New Toronto, Ontario
1966 - 1967	Gamma Nu, Willowdale, Ontario
1967 - 1968	Alpha Psi, Niagara Falls, Ontario

Johnstone L. Roberts

Johnstone L. Roberts was born in Jarvis, Ontario but he has lived most of his life in Niagara Falls, Ontario. After leaving Stamford Collegiate, where he joined Alpha Kappa Chapter in 1934, he entered MacMaster University in Hamilton. He then attended Osgoode Hall in Toronto and was called to the Bar in 1949.

From 1950 to 1952, he served as an Alderman in Niagara Falls. He became the youngest Magistrate in Canada in 1952 and was appointed Deputy Judge of the Juvenile and Family Court for Welland County in 1959. In 1964, he was appointed the Chief Magistrate of Ontario but was forced to resign because of ill health. He is presently a Provincial Judge in the City of Niagara Falls.

In 1953, Brother Roberts was voted Outstanding Young Man in Greater Niagara. He has held the position of Grand Attorney in Gamma Sigma since 1950. He presently resides in Niagara Falls with his wife and their three children.

It was most appropriate that the delegates to the 99th Convocation renamed the scholarship awards in his honour.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

L.G. Balfour Company and Official Insignia in Gamma Sigma

The members of the old Gamma Sigma Society in Brockport purchased their pins and other Society jewelry from local jewelers. When Gamma Sigma became a fraternity, the various chapters obtained pins and badges in a similar manner, each from its own local jeweler. Such jewelers as Engel of Brockport and companies like Bastian Brothers of Rochester and Quayle and Son of Albany, New York, supplied many of the chapters.

At the 44th Convocation in 1913, the firm of Collins and Fairbanks of Boston, Massachusetts was appointed official merchants. At the 51st Convocation of 1920, the Burr-Patterson Company of Detroit, Michigan was appointed the official national jeweler. However, the services of this company were discontinued the following year. It was not until the 53rd Convocation in 1923 that the firm of Jugerson and Suttner of Buffalo was appointed the official jeweler. Jugerson and Suttner continued in this capacity for less than two years.

The record will show that the L. G. Balfour Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts was awarded the Gamma Sigma contract in January of 1926. The contract was renewed on April 5th, 1933 and is the same one in use today.

No elaborate ceremony launched the Company which was to become the largest manufacturer of fine jewelry in the world. Three young men broke through the cobwebs into an ancient unused loft in an old New England town and the L. G. Balfour Company was born. The day was Friday, June 13th, 1913 and the United States was in the depths of a severe recession.

"Frats"

You are no doubt a member of some Fraternity, or expecting to become one. Then why not buy your pin where you can get it the cheapest. We manufacture them and same will be sent direct from our factory at the following prices :

Arethusa, Plain gold	$ .85	Jeweled,	$1.50
Alpha Delta, "	2.00	"	3.75
Agonian, "	2.00	"	5.75
Gamma Sigma,	1.75	"	2.50
Philalethean, (one pearl)			1.25
Gamma Sigma, (new design)			3.00
Alpha Zeta,	(sterling enameled)		.25
	(sterling engraved)		.40
	(gold, with or without enamel)		1.25

The above figures do not mean that you will get inferior quality because we stand back of these goods and are ready to make good any defects.

SEND FOR OUR FREE CATALOGUE showing numerous designs for class, club, society pins, etc., all at extremely low prices.

BASTIAN BROS.,

21 SOUTH AVENUE ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Early advertisement for fraternity jewellery

The beginning seemed inauspicious and the apparent assets of the new jewelry company were not imposing. A nucleus of craftsmen, a few dollars saved and borrowed, and a dozen machine tools comprised the company. There were no orders on the books, and chaotic conditions prevailed in the fraternity jewelry trade. The leader of the venture was undeniably confident and ambitious but possessed neither skill nor experience in manufacturing.

Lloyd G. Balfour was a native of Kentucky and educated in the public schools of Louisville. He had gone on to take a B.A. degree at the University of Louisville and an LL.B. degree at the University of Indiana. Business, however, had held a greater attraction for the young man than the legal profession and for five years he had served as travelling representative for a manufacturer of fraternity jewelry. In this capacity he observed the lack of standardization which plagued the industry. Emblem designs were often unrecognizable. Prices varied widely from campus to campus. Quality, in many instances, had deteriorated to brass, lead, and cheap imitation stones.

Deliveries depended on the whim of the manufacturer; guarantees were fictitious. The fraternal organizations had no control over the distribution of their insignia; itinerant peddlers could secure badges and sell them at will. Balfour or "Bally", as he was affectionately called by a widening circle of friends, determined to set up his own company.

Critical problems derived from this decision and a single error in judgment could have been fatal. Location of the enterprise in Attleboro, Massachusetts was wise. Here, literally, was the hub of the jewelry industry, where skilled hands might be found to assist a young company. With infectious enthusiasm, "Bally" enlisted the services of a production man, a tool-maker, a die-cutter, and a stone-setter, each an outstanding craftsman in his respective field. The same enthusiasm held the group together through the crucial organizational period when the total weekly payroll was only $90 and orders were non-existent.

Before his small backlog of capital had entirely melted away, the first fraternity contract was obtained. Skill and meticulous care in manufacturing the pins resulted in a superior product. The price was right and delivery was prompt.

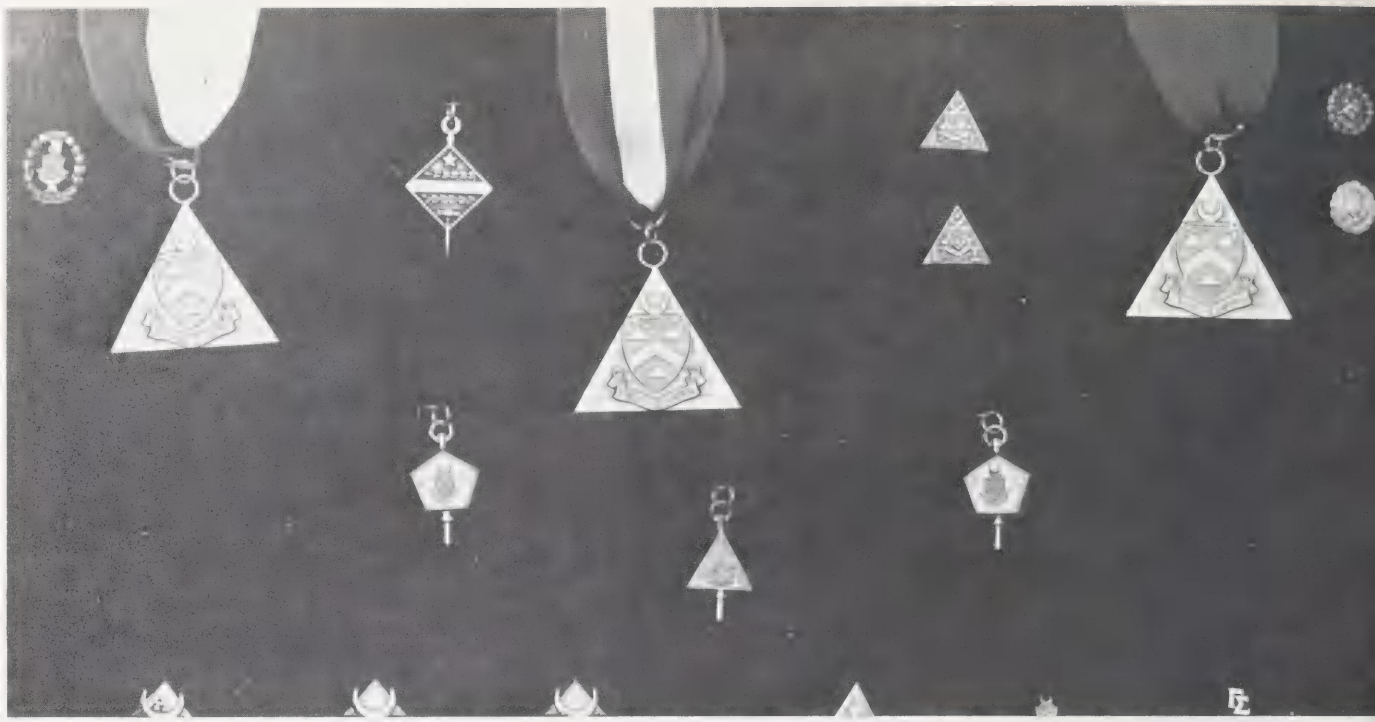
Here, on its very first order and despite primitive operating conditions, L. G. Balfour Company established the basic policies which were consistently to guide the business in years to come.

Other orders followed. The Balfour reputation for quality, integrity, and service spread from campus to campus and the Company, at length, began to contract directly with the national fraternity and sorority offices. The implications of this system of marketing were revolutionary. It not only provided the national offices with a source of badly needed revenue but made possible the control by those offices of emblem distribution. It also made possible the introduction and maintenance of uniform specifications, prices, and quality standards. The large orders, in turn, enabled the Balfour organization to utilize manufacturing techniques which simultaneously increased the quality of the line and lowered the price. Competition in the trade continued to be active but in the space of a surprisingly few years, the L. G. Balfour Company had become known on every school and college campus in America and throughout the world.

There is little need to trace in detail the steady enlargement of the business. Balfour sales offices spread across the country. The working force grew from a half dozen into hundreds. Time and again manufacturing operations outgrew existing plant facilities. Expansion and changing times put old policies to severe test and created new opportunities.

The policy of diversification, in part forced upon the Company by insistent market demand, created formidable managerial problems. The founder, a salesman, also proved himself to be an administrator. The critical transition from a small company to a large one was successfully effected. Capable men within the organization were promoted and where new skills were required, competent experts were brought into the company. In time, an exceptionally talented managerial team was assembled. "Bally" chose well, delegated authority, and stood by his men. The Company was never a one-man organization; its vitality derived from cooperative effort.

Over the span of years, continuity of ownership and administration has been unbroken. Profits other than the portion set aside for expansion and emergency needs of the business have continuously been turned over to employees in the form of bonuses and to customers in the form of better products, reduced prices, and enlarged services. Substantial contributions were made through the fraternities to scholarship funds and to educational and charitable organizations. These are the terms in which the L. G. Balfour Company prefers to measure its gains over the first fifty-six years; these are the criteria for performance in the years which lie ahead.



Display of Official Gamma Sigma Insignia arranged by L. G. Balfour Company

Top — Past Chapter President's Pin, Grand Officer's Medallion, Past Chapter President's Key, Past Grand Officer's Medallion, Silver Honor Pins (top — Chapter, bottom — Grand Chapter), Chapter Officer's Medallion, Sweetheart Pins (top — sterling silver, bottom — 10K gold). **Middle** — Past Grand President's Key (without diamond), Gold Honor Key, Past Grand President's Key (with diamond). **Bottom** — Official Badges (plain, close set, crown set), Pledge Pin, Coat-of-Arms Recognition Pin, Greek-letter Recognition Pin.

Medallions

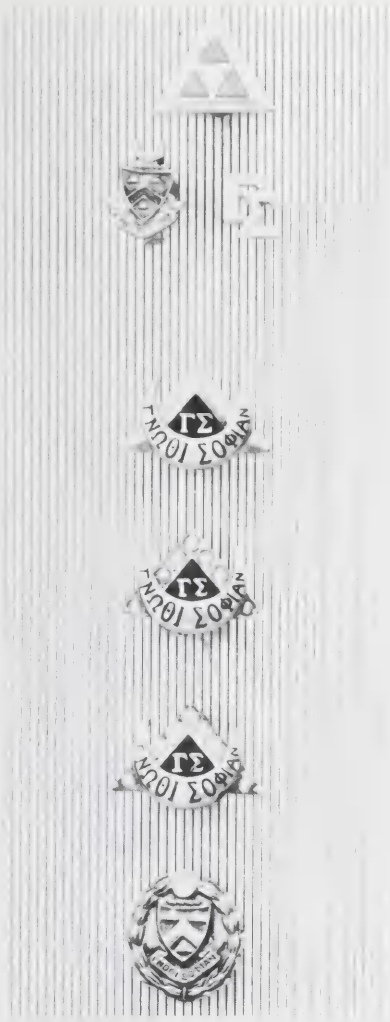
Medallions were first proposed by Robert M. Weir of Kappa in October of 1937. At the 69th Convocation in 1938, the delegates established the medallion as the official method by which Chapter Officers, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Officers were to be identified. The original medallions were made of bronze and were to be worn during ritual and social functions of the fraternity.

There were only medallions for President, Vice-President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, and Marshal in 1938. At the 81st Convocation in 1950, the choice of medallions was extended to include Chaplain, Custodian, Attorney, Editor of the *Pyramid and Crescent*, and Board Members. An Area Supervisor's medallion was introduced in 1966 and has since been used for Presidential Appointees as well.

Although chapter medallions were available from the very first, they did not become abundant until the early 1950's.

The various offices are indicated by the colouring of the attached ribbon. Chapter ribbons are solid, Grand Officers wear double stripes (colour/white), and Past Grand Officers wear triple stripes (colour/white/colour). The colours are as follows:

President	— old rose
Vice-President	— orange
Secretary	— blue
Treasurer	— yellow
Marshal	— green
Chaplain	— dark green
Custodian	— deep red
Attorney	— maroon
Editor	— black
Board Members	— purple
Past Chapter President	— solid white
Area Supervisor	— solid grey



Recognition Pins (second from top)

The recognition pins are not official badges in the fraternity. Both are lapel pins and either one is presented to a new member of the fraternity upon his initiation.

Coat-of-Arms Recognition Button (left)—This small pin bears the coat-of-arms of the fraternity as it was originally adopted in 1907.

Monogram Recognition Pin (right)—This small pin bears the Greek letters Gamma and Sigma and it made its appearance in the early 1950's.

Official Badges

The Gamma Sigma Society existed until 1877 without an official badge. However, on April 20th of that year the present badge was adopted. The fraternity has three qualities of the official badge: Plain Badge (third from the top), Close Set Pearl Badge (fourth from top), Crown Set Pearl Badge (fifth from top). All three badges are cast in 10K gold.

Pledge Button (top)

The pledge button, already in use by the majority of the chapters, was officially adopted by the fraternity at the 54th Convocation held in 1924. Previous to that convention, many chapters had persisted in using ribbons of old rose and white to identify those pledged to Gamma Sigma. The official button has a triangle of white in the centre surrounded by three old rose triangles.

Sweetheart Pin (bottom)

At the 69th Convocation in 1938, there was a lengthy discussion on the pins of Gamma Sigma. The argument was put forth that it was not right for the Official Badge to be passed around so freely and it was decided to adopt a Sweetheart Pin. The pin consists of the badge surrounded by a wreath and within the crescent reposes a pearl. The pin is available in both sterling silver and 10K gold.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

Harold G. Dobson Memorial Trust Fund

The contract signed on April 5th, 1933 between Gamma Sigma and the L. G. Balfour Company stated that Balfour would be the sole official jeweler to supply the fraternity and its members with standard badges, jeweled badges of every description, pledge buttons, recognition pins, and all articles of jewelry mounted with the fraternity coat-of-arms, block letters, or any other permissible mountings. Balfour would also be the sole manufacturer of the official coat-of-arms to be made in gold, gold plate, or silver.

In return, Balfour agreed to allow a twenty percent royalty on all official insignia. The company also allowed a ten percent royalty on metal crested novelties bearing the coat-of-arms of the fraternity.

This royalty was deposited into a trust fund known in Gamma Sigma as the Balfour Trust Fund and was to be used at the discretion of the Grand Council for the advancement of the fraternity. Up until 1965, the Trust Fund was administered by the Grand Custodian, Harold Gardner Dobson, Alpha '00. At the 96th Convocation held in that year, the fund was re-named the Harold G. Dobson Memorial Trust Fund in honour of the man that had served as Grand Custodian for forty years.

Over the years, the fund has grown steadily. Since Gamma Sigma boasts very few American chapters today and since royalties are only paid on American purchases, the yearly royalty cheques from Balfour have decreased in value. However, royalties are still paid.

Until 1966, United States Savings and Coupon Bonds were the only investment of the fund. In recent years, investments have been made with the Shell Oil Corporation and the Bell Telephone Company.

The fund is now administered by the Board of Trustees in the person of John S. Adams, Beta Nu '53, and the Grand Custodian, Edward W. Rayburn, Alpha '28.

Harold Gardner Dobson, Alpha '00
Grand Custodian 1925-1965

Harold Gardner Dobson

Harold Gardner Dobson was born in Brockport on February 28th, 1886, the son of Thomas H. and Mary Gardner Dobson. He attended the local elementary schools and the old Brockport Normal School. He then entered the University of Buffalo, graduating with a B.Sc. degree in pharmacy in 1906.

His father had founded the Thomas H. Dobson Company, a pharmacy, in Brockport in 1876 and he entered the business after college. He was active in its management until the early 1960's.

Brother Dobson was a member of Monroe Lodge No. 173, F. and A.M. of Brockport, serving as Master in 1921, and was District Deputy Grand Master of the First Monroe District in 1925. He was also a member of Daniel Holmes Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Brockport and High Priest in 1924 and 1944. He was a member of the Royal and Select Masters and served as Grand Master of the Royal Select Masters of New York in 1948-1949.

Harold was a member of the class of 1925 in Rochester Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and was created an Honorary 33rd degree Mason of the Supreme Council in Philadelphia in 1950.

In 1959, he was honored by the Monroe Lodge on his completion of 50 years of Masonry and the Harold Gardner Dobson Masonic Library was dedicated. "Dobie", as he was called by friends, became a member of Alpha Chapter in 1900 while at Brockport Normal. He became the first Grand Custodian in the history of the fraternity in 1925, an office he held for forty years. His annual reports testified to the faithful performance of his duties in that office.

Brother Dobson was one who could recall vividly many of the founders of Gamma Sigma and he knew Professor McLean and his family intimately even before his initiation into the order. Harold was happily married for more than fifty years to his youthful sweetheart, Helen. They were blessed with a son and a daughter, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Their son, Wadsworth, was a member of Alpha before his death in 1949.

Gamma Sigma awarded Harold the Gold Honor Key and the Founder's Scale. He was also elected to membership in Alpha Delta Tau.

Harold Dobson died on August 9th, 1965 at the age of 79. He had, indeed, led a full and complete life.

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Shrine of the scholarly
  Of thee I sing.
Pride of the Founder's heart
From thee I'll ne'er depart
Until death's stinging dart
  Sweet rest doth bring.

My Gamma Sigma thee
Haven of jolity,
  Be ever near.
I love thy badge of gold;
Thy tales and legends old
Oft round thy hearth-stone told
  By comrades dear.

Let brethren draw around
And lift the glorious sound
  To heaven above.
Let every tongue acclaim
In sweet fraternal strain
The honor of the name
  That we all love.

Then as we clasp the hand
And round our altar stand
  With flags unfurled:
Clear the loud anthem raise
While we hymn forth her praise
Throughout our earthly days
  To all the world.

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